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RENEWED CALL FOR SAFETY MEASURES ON COUNTY ROAD

Report by **Kenny Parker**

'My son could have died' says mother of teenager who suffered broken pelvis in collision with bus

THE mother of a teenager left with a broken pelvis and facial injuries following a collision in County Road, Ormskirk has been joined by West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper in calling for increased safety measures on the busy section of the A59 which has been the scene of numerous accidents in recent years.

The latest incident occurred at around 2.40pm on Sunday (February 3) when the 13-year-old boy was in collision with a bus at the junction of County Road and Hayfield Road.

Emergency services were called and the teenager was airlifted to Alder Hey Children's Hospital.

A statement issued by Lancashire Police read: "We were called at around 2.40pm on Sunday (February 3) to reports of a collision on County Road between a teenage boy and a bus. The boy suffered a broken pelvis and minor facial injuries and was taken to Alder Hey Hospital for treatment, where he remains in a stable condition. Our enquiries are ongoing."

And the North West Ambulance Service reported: "We received a call at 14.40 to attend a road traffic collision involving a bus and a pedestrian. We sent an ambulance, air ambulance and senior clinician to the scene and treated a teenage boy who, according to our log, had serious injuries. We took the patient to hospital by air ambulance."

The boy's mother later posted on social media: "Something needs to be done about this road. My son could have died. He needs a lot of treatment and future after care. His schooling is now going to be affected as well."

Following a consultation last year, Lancashire County Council, the highways authority, agreed to reduce the speed

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Michael Prendergast and staff from Dickinson Parker Hill with their cheque for Alder Hey Children's Hospital.

Solicitors' Charity Will Month initiative raises £11,700 for Alder Hey

ALDER Hey Children's Hospital is the latest good cause to benefit from an annual fundraising initiative by a team of local legal eagles.

Ormskirk-based solicitors, Dickinson Parker Hill have been holding their Charity Will Month in November since 2009 and to date they have raised more than £104,000 for causes including Ormskirk Civic Hall, the Neonatal Unit at Ormskirk Hospital, Help for Heroes, Macmillan Cancer Support and Derian House Children's Hospice, as well as previously helping Alder Hey.

Proceeds from their latest effort in November 2018 have now been totalled raising more than £11,700 for the hospital which cares for more than 275,000 children, young people and their families every year, treating everything from common illnesses to highly complex and specialist conditions,

The scheme works by clients making a donation to the charity rather than paying a fee for their will. The recommended minimum donation is £60 for a simple single and £120 for simple mirror wills - both of which are lower than the usual cost.

Partner, Michael Prendergast.said: 'We were very happy to help Alder Hey once again as we know many clients will have received support and treatment from the staff there and numerous children throughout the area will have benefited from treatment at Alder Hey.

"We would like to thank all our clients for their support and I would also like to thank all our staff for all their hard work and professionalism in supporting the scheme."

Sophie Saunders from Alder Hey, said: "We were absolutely delighted to have been chosen by Dickinson Parker Hill as their charity this year, having worked with them during previous Charity Will Month campaigns.

"The money raised will be used towards helping patients and their families once again with this year being one of the busiest yet."

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Council to review borough's polling districts and venues

Members of the public and all interested parties are invited to provide feedback

Report by **Henry James**

WEST Lancs Council is reviewing all polling districts and polling places across the borough.

Residents, other interested persons and organisations are invited to give feedback on any aspect of polling districts and polling places currently used for all elections, the proposed alternatives and also suggest additional alternatives if appropriate.

Local political parties, community groups, MPs and councillors will also be consulted.

The area covered by the review is the West Lancashire parliamentary constituency and those parts of the South Ribble parliamentary constituency that are within the borough council's area.

Access arrangements for premises or facilities will form part of the review.

The council is carrying out the review to ensure they are suitable and accessible for as many voters as possible within West Lancs. Electors are encouraged to share their views and the council would welcome comments from any person or body with expertise in access for people with disabilities.

Kim Webber, Electoral Registration Officer for West Lancashire.

The public consultation began on Friday (February 1) and runs until Friday, May 24. Submissions to the consultation will form part of the final proposals for future provision of polling districts and places.

How to give your views:

•Visit the council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/pollreview and complete the survey.

•Write to: Tom Lynan, Electoral & Administration Services Manager, West Lancashire Borough Council, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, L39 2DF.

•Email: tom.lynan@westlancs.gov.uk.

Kim Webber, Electoral Registration Officer for West Lancashire, said: "We would encourage residents who have comments to make to contact us and let us know their views."

Information on the current polling places and plans of individual polling districts, along with the initial proposals and comments from the Electoral Registration Officer, can be viewed at the Council Offices, 52 Derby Street Ormskirk or at www.westlancs.gov.uk/pollreview.

Long-awaited flood report was 'a waste of time and money' says MP

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A LONG-awaited independent study into flooding in Ormskirk finally published by Lancashire County Council three years after it was commissioned has been labelled "a waste of time and money" by West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper.

The county council commissioned international engineering consultants, Jacobs in 2015 to conduct an independent study into flooding focused on Hurlston Brook. The initial report was completed in April, 2017, however, the authority sought revisions and the final report has only now been made available.

Jacobs' investigation looked at various options for managing flood risk and how well they would work and their study reports that using locations around the town to temporarily store floodwater would be the most effective option, although it wouldn't solve all the problems. It also says this would be very expensive because of the land which would be needed and costs would be too high for current public funding mechanisms to pay for outright.

However, it advises that other options - including property-level protection measures for homes most at risk; adopting long-term planning and land-use policies designed to slow the rate at which water which runs off surrounding land; and ensuring the existing drainage network works as well as possible - could help to reduce the impact of future flooding.

The report concludes that a wider, co-ordinated approach to manage the situation is needed, involving the county council, United Utilities and other partners working with developers to ensure the local drainage system meets the needs of future development, and look for opportunities to refurbish and regenerate the existing drainage network.

County Councillor Albert Atkinson.

County Councillor Albert Atkinson said: "Thanks to this study focused on Hurlston Brook we now know far more about the way a number of complex factors interact during flood conditions, such as surface water run-off from surrounding agricultural and urban land, various watercourses, and the local drainage systems.

"The study advises on a combination of engineering measures which could be adopted. The most effective combination would include constructing storage areas for surface water to reduce the amount of water draining into Hurlston Brook, and reduce the pressure on the drainage systems. Unfortunately this would cost in the region of £7m, and a significant residual flood risk would remain even if it were put in place. As such it could not be delivered with the current public funding mechanisms.

"However the report also outlines further measures which organisations and individuals could pursue to improve the current situation. Some of these could potentially be achieved quite quickly, such as individual property owners installing flood doors, and others are more long-term, such as ensuring the issue is considered when development is planned in future.

"We will continue to work with all partners which play a role in managing water in this area and consider how planning policies about land-use in the surrounding area and opportunities to fund improvements through future development, could help to reduce the risk of flooding."

However, Rosie Cooper said: "It has taken far too long for this Jacobs flood report to come forward from Lancashire County Council. All the county can tell us now is that the recommendations are too expensive to carry out, but very little about what they have been doing for the past two years to make any progress.

"This was taxpayers' money used to fund a very high level and detailed report and the immediate reaction suggests it was all a waste of time and money.

"I have written to Lancashire County Council and to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to ask what they plan to do now to protect my constituents from the threat of further flooding, many of whom have already had their lives devastated through flooding in 2012 or 2015."

Knowsley Ward Cllr Gareth Dowling, Secretary of the Ormskirk Flood Group said that it would be calling a meeting soon for members and representatives from LCC to present their findings and their action plan.

Reward offer

A REWARD is being offered for information leading to the recovery of jewellery stolen during a burglary in Ormskirk.

A statement issued by Ormskirk and Burscough Police reads: "A resident in the Ormskirk area has been the victim of a burglary recently where items of jewellery were taken.

"The victim would like the items returned and is willing to offer a reward to anyone who has information on their whereabouts as they are of great sentimental value."

Pictures of the jewellery can be viewed at www.facebook.com/OrmskirkPolice/.

Anyone with information can email 7176@lancashire.pnn.police.uk quoting log number LC-20190126-1265.

Renewed call for improved safety measures on road after teenager breaks pelvis in collision with bus

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limit on the road from 40mph to 30mph. However, the changes are yet to be implemented however.

The consultation followed pressure from Rosie Cooper after a number of collisions along the road between its junction with the A570 Southport Road and Burscough Road. Two of the reported crashes resulted in fatalities.

After being told of the latest incident the MP said: "I have been fighting for road safety improvements on this stretch of road for some years and we had recent success in Lancashire County Council agreeing to reduce the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph.

"However, a young boy has now been involved in a road traffic accident on County Road and taken to hospital with serious, but thankfully not life-threatening injuries.

"I have contacted Lancashire County Council and Lancashire Constabulary to find out how this accident occurred and what further safety measures are being considered. I am told the investigation into the accident is ongoing.

"Only on Friday I met with the director of highways in my office and lobbied for enhanced road safety improvements on County Road which he said he would consider - clearly urgent action is needed.

"My thoughts are with the young boy and his family and I wish him a speedy recovery from injuries sustained."

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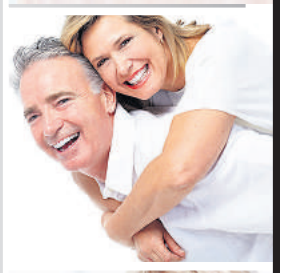

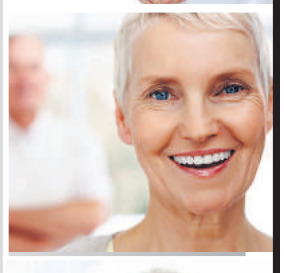

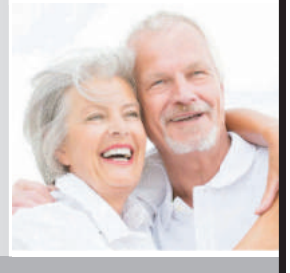

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Borough could benefit if *county* is successful in City Of Culture bid!

ORMSKIRK and Skelmersdale could benefit if Lancashire county is successful in a bid to be named City of Culture 2025!

Marketing Lancashire and the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership took the decision to bid as a county after an analysis of the options in the competition, which is run by the Department of Culture Media and Sport.

The Department of Culture Media and Sport says it has a flexible approach to the term 'city' and will accept bids from places as long as they meet the wider criteria.

Tony Attard, High Sheriff and chair of Marketing Lancashire, said: "Culture is a super accelerator for urban regeneration and the benefits of bidding for City of Culture are many. The prize for Lancashire would be substantial, which is why I am advocating that we bid for UK City of Culture in 2025."

Welcome

A spokesman for West Lancs Council commented: "This seems to be a very positive suggestion for the county as a whole. The council looks forward to receiving further details about the proposed bid and would welcome discussions on how it could support the proposal.

"The borough already has a range of exciting cultural events and we need to understand how these could link with any cultural programme associated with a bid for UK City of Culture."

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Bus re-routed to serve village during roadworks

Report by **Kenny Parker**

LANCASHIRE County Council has stepped in to make sure part of Aughton still has access to public transport while the usual bus service to the village is diverted due to roadworks.

From Monday (February 4) the county council-funded Ormksirk circular service No. 5 will be temporarily re-routed to also serve the Aughton/Holt Green area.

This area is usually served by the No. 310 operated by Arriva, but this service is currently not taking its normal route through Aughton due to major gas replacement works being carried out along the A59 and Winifred Lane.

County Councillor Keith Iddon, Lancashire's cabinet member for highways and transport, said: "We're aware that people in part of Aughton have been affected by their normal bus service being diverted due to the gas replacement work taking place on the A59. This is a commercial bus service over which the county council has no control, however we are temporarily diverting our Ormskirk service No. 5 to serve the area that currently has no bus service.

Works on Winifred Lane have caused Arriva's 310 service to be diverted.

"Our No. 5 service doesn't operate as frequently or provide a direct link to Liverpool, but this will ensure that people who rely on public transport can still access local services."

The roadworks are scheduled to continue until the end of April, however it is expected that access to Winifred Lane will be restored in the first week in March, allowing normal services to resume.

Passenger information notices have been displayed at affected bus stops on Springfield Road, Smithy Lane and Bold Lane. People can also find the temporarily revised timetable by searching Ormskirk Town Service at www.prestonbus.co.uk.

West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper had written to Arriva and Lancashire County Council, saying that she had been inundated with correspondence from constituents expressing their concerns over the 310 bus service re-routing.

As was also reported in the Champion, she said passengers, including pensioners who need to go shopping, were having to walk longer distances to and from bus stops and also having to cross the A59 dual carriage way as a result of the diversion.

Arriva said it had made some changes to the diverted route. A spokesperson said: "We take feedback from our customers very seriously and in response to recent comments from passengers, changes were made to the original diverted 310 route."

A notice issued by the company states that the northbound 310 service to Skelmersdale will not serve Springfield Road, Smithy Lane, Bold Lane, and Winifred Lane, instead operating via Northway (A59).

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OWL criticism of plans for development of bus station site sparks row

Council leader says 'they voted for scheme in July' but independents claim proposals have changed

Report by **Kenny Parker**

PLANS to erect a new 199-bed student accommodation block on the site of Ormsirk bus station, reported in last week's Champion, have sparked a war of words between borough council leader, Councillor Ian Moran and members of the Our West Lancs independent group.

The proposals for the site, drawn up by developer Downing Students in conjunction with WLBC and Lancashire County Council, would also include a new bus station along with space for retail businesses and a new public square with extensive landscaping to link the town centre and the railway station.

Members of Our West Lancashire criticised the scheme though saying that Ormskirk has more than enough student accommodation and that a full public consultation should be held before it goes to planning.

But Cllr. Moran said he was "gobsmacked" by their comments because OWL councillors Adrian Owens and Ian Davis had both voted in favour of the plans when they were put before the full council last July.

He said: "Have they had a lapse of memory? They never questioned it or commented on it, never raised any concerns, never asked for any different opinion or guidance. And they both voted in the chamber, they never abstained."

A computer-generated image of how new bus station, retail and student accommodation complex will look.

The council leader added that plans would also help to address the problem of family properties being given over to student accommodation in the town by providing a central hub for students close to the town centre where they could access the amenities.

And he pledged that the public's views would be taken into account when the planning application is submitted.

In response, Councillor Adrian Owens commented: "The bus station development scheme now in the public domain is not the same scheme that was presented in a confidential report to councillors last year. The bus station has been reduced from a proposed six stands to just four. This raises safety concerns when the existing bus station has seven stands.

"The proposals we voted on in July had a much-needed coach parking facility to bring more visitors to the town and this part of the scheme has now been ditched, while the amount of student accommodation has been increased. The building designs and site plan have also altered.

"OWL councillors voted in favour of the principle of the scheme as the bus station site requires redevelopment, but always expected the public to be fully consulted

"This full public consultation is even more important now that the proposal differs in important respects from what was presented to elected representatives last year.

"The council should listen to residents and give them a voice."

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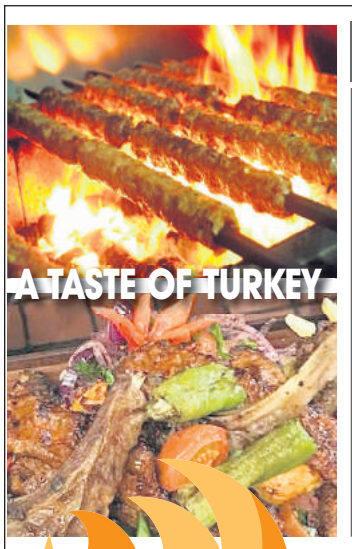

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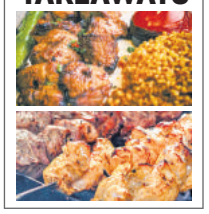

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Jon Culshaw with officials and guests at Ormskirk Rotary Club's Charter Night and 82nd birthday celebrations.

Comedy star makes a big impression at Rotary birthday bash

COMEDIAN and impressionist Jon Culshaw treated members of Ormskirk Rotary Club to a "side-splitting performance" to mark the group's 82nd birthday celebrations.

Invited to the club's annual Charter Night at the Briars Hall Hotel by president, John McCormick, the Ormskirk-born TV and radio star was happy to oblige and donated his fee for the evening to charity.

Also on the evening there was a special presentation to member David Roberts in recognition of his 50 years as a rotarian.

The Rotary Club meets regularly on a Tuesday, either at lunchtime or in the evenings, regularly playing host to guest speakers.

As well as raising money predominantly for local charities and organisations through various activities, it also runs the Rotary Junior Community Award scheme for Year 6 primary pupils at a number of schools in the area.

The club is keen to welcome new members and details will be announced soon of an introductory meeting in the near future for people to go along and find out more. Alternatively you can contact membership officer Roger Forster by email at forster48@hotmail.co.uk or by ringing 01695 574242.

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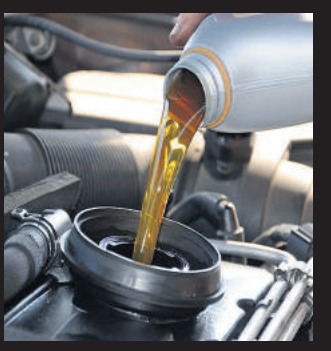

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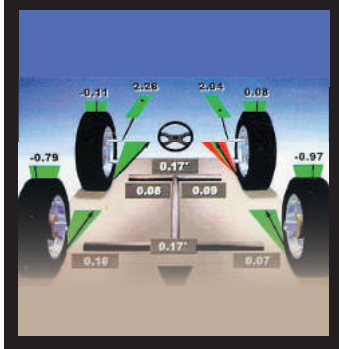

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Residents celebrate dismissal of HMO application appeal

NEIGHBOURS are celebrating after an appeal to overturn the borough council's rejection of an application for a house of multiple occupation (HMO) in Ormskirk was dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate.

The owner of number 30 Peet Avenue had submitted a planning application to West Lancs Council to convert the former family home into a five-bed student HMO.

However the plan was opposed by concerned residents, a number of who attended a planning committee meeting in July last year to show their objection, with Knowsley ward councillor, Nikki Hennessy, also opposing the scheme.

Following deliberation by the committee, fellow Knowsley ward councillor Adam Yates moved for the application to be rejected, against the advice of council officers, on the grounds of loss of amenity, which was supported by the majority of the committee.

Subsequently, the applicant appealed to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to overrule the decision but this was rejected.

In her decision notice, Planning Inspector Sarah Manchester noted that the main issue was the effect of the proposed development on the living conditions of nearby residents, with particular reference to noise and disturbance.

Councillors Adam Yates, Gareth Dowling and Nikki Hennessy who supported the residents' oppositions to the plans.

The owner argued the property could potentially be occupied by a family of up to six adults who would have just as much impact to the neighbourhood as five resident students.

However, Ms Manchester said that given that the plans indicated several of the bedrooms are of an appropriate size for double occupancy, and bearing in mind the student lifestyle, there was potential for partners of students and friends to also be present.

She commented: "In any case, HMO use would inevitably result in more transient occupation with a higher turnover of unrelated residents and their visitors. Particularly given the intimate cul-de-sac location, use of the property as an HMO would be more disruptive and less likely to be assimilated successfully into the local community than would use as a family dwelling."

An application was made for full costs against the council for consultancy fees in pursuing the appeal and for loss of rent due to the council's refusal of the initial application. This was also rejected.

Following the decision, Councillor Nikki Hennessy said: "Everyone needs to live somewhere, but we need to be sensible and sensitive to different areas and the end of this quiet cul-de-sac was most definitely not the place for this HMO. This is a great result for residents across Ormskirk."

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CCG announces specialist support service for chronic back pain sufferers

Two-year pilot scheme to be launched in April

Report by **Henry James**

PATIENTS living with chronic pain will be able to get support from a new specialist service developed by the NHS in West Lancashire.

The iHELP Pain Management service, has been designed by local clinicians and patients and following a formal procurement process, the new provider InHealth will begin providing the two-year pilot service in April.

At present there is no specialist community-based chronic pain service in West Lancashire with patients being managed between GPs and hospitals. The new service will offer specialist care and introduce a holistic approach to a patient's individual needs by examining the full picture, including, for example physical activity, nutrition and psychological needs.

Chronic pain is a pain that persists beyond the point at which healing would be expected (three to six months).

Dr Vik Mittal.

Mike Maguire, chief officer of NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), said: "With the help of patients who kindly took the time to share their views with us and our local clinicians and other partners, we have achieved what we set out to do and can now start offering this service from the spring.

"The new iHELP service, which will be a single point of referral, will be fine-tuned to ensure patients are appropriately managed and importantly that their individual needs are catered for."

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Dr Vik Mittal, local GP and board member of NHS West Lancashire CCG, added: "Living with chronic pain is not pleasant for anyone, which is why it's so important we have the right services in place that are accessible for everyone.

"GPs have been trying to manage these patients in primary care with some referrals to hospital but without the availability of any holistic support.

"This innovative specialist service will support those patients addressing their specific individual needs."

Once the service is launched, the CCG would like to hear what patients think and how their experiences have been. For more information contact the CCG on 01695 588 203 or wlccg.myview@nhs.net.

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From our Ron Barker Hide, you'll be able to see the majestic barn owl which has been coming out almost daily around 3pm to hunt in the marshes, as captured perfectly by Gary Austin Wildlife Photography on a recent visit. On the other side of the reserve near to our Janet Kear Hide, you'll find a beautiful tawny owl perching on the edge of its box in the trees, it's certainly not camera shy!

With the cold weather comes an influx of hungry birds who struggle to get their own food from the frozen ground. Thankfully, we have a large number of bird feeders around the centre to ensure the birds get the nutrition they need. Our Janet Kear Hide and Kingfisher Hide are great for watching the comings and goings of smaller birds such as chaffinch, goldfinch and blue tit.

One of our biggest draws over the winter are the whooper swans which have migrated over from Iceland. As a charity passionate about conservation, our staff do a lot of work with this species. We have a team of Swan Research Volunteers who keep track of the comings and goings of the swans on the mere.

There are currently a number of swans on the mere that have ring numbers but don't have a name, so during February Half Term were offering visitors the unique opportunity to suggest names. If you're visiting us, all you have to do is spot a swan with a coloured ring on its leg, use the touchscreen in our Discovery Hide to see if it's got a name and if it hasn't, fill out a slip and leave your suggestion in the box. Staff will review and allocate names and a full list will be shared on our Facebook page.

These beautiful swans usually start flying back to Iceland in early March, so make sure you come and see them while you can. Wrap up warm and spend some time in the great outdoors this winter. Find out more and plan your visit at wwt.org.uk/martinmere

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Labour county councillors claim changes to adult care will hit the vulnerable

...but Tory leader of authority dismisses statements as 'scaremongering'

Report by **Kenny Parker**

BUDGET proposals by Lancashire County Council's Conservative-led administration for changes to adult care services will hit the vulnerable and the elderly, say the county's Labour group.

On the agenda for the county council budget meeting on Thursday, February 14 are plans to increase charges to attend day care centres by 15% and cut Home Improvements Services.

There are also proposals to reduce the number of carers from two to one where it is currently specified that people need two members of staff to care for them.

The Home Improvements Services is predominantly for people with long-term health conditions and people with disabilities. It includes maintenance, repair and improvement of properties, housing options advice, 'income maximisation' and access to a reliable handy persons service.

Councilor Jean Parr, Labour's deputy leader for adult social care, said the proposals follow a 14% increase in home care support charges already introduced in 2018, and will force many elderly and vulnerable people out of their homes and result in increased admissions to the NHS and residential homes.

However, the leader of the council County Councilor Geoff Driver accused the opposition party of scaremongering.

Commenting on the increase in charges for day care centres and the withdrawal of the Home Improvement Services, Cllr. Parr said: "It's clear that in order for people to stay at home they will need support. Family and friends can only do so much, they will be forcing vulnerable people to seek help from over-stretched charities and volunteers to maintain their homes."

Councillor Parr.

Councillor Driver.

With regards to the proposed reduction in number of care staff, she accused the Conservatives offering care companies a sweetener by offering to pay more for one-to-one care.

"The council have even claimed that 'people will have a better experience of care because it will be more personalised and dignified', when they cut the number of care staff. There is absolutely no evidence to support such a claim. We have written to the chief executive to provide us with the evidence-based research that cutting care staff benefits those in need. We have had no response.

"The fact is it will cause fear and anxiety, creating tension between the cared for and the carer. Lancashire will also be providing financial incentives for the businesses to cut back on these vital staff with no reference to the preference of those in need.

"One of these proposed actions alone would cause concern but all of them together will have a devastating effect on the elderly and vulnerable people, forcing them out of their homes, into NHS beds and long-stay homes."

In response, Cllr. Driver, said: "Labour really have reached a new low with these scaremongering statements. Unlike when they formed the administration, we will ensure there are sufficient resources to protect the most vulnerable of our fellow citizens and will always provide services in the most sensitive and dignified manner.

"Again, unlike Labour, we are working closely with colleagues in the NHS to ensure that all Lancashire residents, especially the frail and elderly, receive the best possible services, preferably in their own homes.

"It is time for Labour to stop behaving irresponsibly. I await their amendment to our budget proposals with interest."

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Champion LETTERS to the Editor

Local Plan isn't about needs of neighbouring authorities but hiring out our green belt land

COUNCILLOR Gail Hodson (Letters, January 23) describes the Local Plan as a 'long-term holistic plan', however a study of the guidelines for drawing up plans, and the input from planners of adjoining authorities, show that it is an example of incompetence and deceit.

This is best summed up by Knowsley planners in their response to the options document, 'with respect to the options for Local Plan periods proposed we note that the second option being considered is a period which runs to 2050.

'This is considered to be an extremely lengthy period well beyond usual Local Plan timescales. Indeed, as this is beyond the period covered by the Strategic Housing and Employment Land Market Assessment (to 2037) WLBC may find it difficult to forecast in spatial terms the need for housing and employment-development up to 2050.

'Given this, we consider that the option period up to 2050 has a high-risk of being considered unacceptable. This is due to the lack of authority regarding needs and demands for new housing and development so far in the future, and the subsequent difficulty in meeting the National Planning Policy Framework's 'exceptional circumstances' test to release land from the green belt.'

Sefton Council give similar warnings in their Preferred Options response. It appears WLBC are the only council in the country that have chosen to interpret the Local Plan guidance in the way they have. I can't find any other Local Plan set to run past 2037.

Despite their supposed need for housing being factored in to the plan, Sefton have no need to consider WLBC land till 2037, obviously they wouldn't know past 2037 for the reasons explained by Knowsley.

We cannot check planner Harrison's 'guesstimate' for Liverpool's requirements as they did not submit a response. However, given the way this plan process has progressed - Mr Hodson getting it through the planning committee by stealth; secrecy regarding minutes of meetings; and the lack of meaningful public consultation in the preparation of the document - we should be very sceptical about the figures that have been used.

This isn't about a pressing need from adjoining authorities for WLBC green belt land, it is a deliberate policy to 'pimp out' our green belt land to our neighbours to further their own master plan.

WLBC residents losing their homes and livelihoods is mere collateral damage.

Far from praising them we should be asking the Local Government Ombudsman to look at their actions.

Eric Lupton, Bickerstaffe.

No benefits for the 'ordinary' residents just more disruption

I READ Councillor Gail Hodson's letter (January 23) hoping to find some positive benefits to the 2050 Local Plan, and again found nothing. No doubt there are some people in power who stand to benefit, but certainly not the ordinary residents.

There is one clear and simple way for residents put a stop to this - through the local council elections on May 2. I for one will put party loyalties aside and use my vote against the majority Labour council in protest at their plan.

Having read many publications about it, there is still no solid evidence at all that there is a genuine need for 16,000 houses and major industrial development. Cllr Hodson states that there is a legal requirement for a local plan, but what about the approved and accepted 2027 Local Plan? Why is ours the only council in the whole country planning as far as 2050?

The reality for residents is we are the ones who will bear the brunt should this plan go ahead. We will be the ones facing major increases in traffic congestion, noise and air pollution, flood risks, waiting times for doctors, struggle for school places and all the disruption this will cause. And of course, the inevitable increases in council tax coming our way.

Cllr Hodson argues that we will still have 88.5% of green belt left. Does this mean we will lose 11.5%? According to government data that is almost 4,000 hectares, the size of around 5,000 football pitches, of our natural environment gone forever.

We know there is a requirement for additional housing to support population growth, which is already accommodated in the 2027 Local Plan. And we know there is investment required to make improvements to our towns and villages. Yet the new local plan is so far away from providing what could actually benefit the area it's unreal.

There are 25 Labour councillors across 18 wards whose seat is up for election on May 2. It would only take six of those to lose their seat for there to be no overall council control. That could well be the end of the new local plan.

D.G., Skelmersdale.

Returning surplus agricultural land to woodland should be default option

IN reply to the letter from Councillor Gail Hodson (January 23)about the Local Plan proposals.

Climate change threatens our existence. The recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report warned that we must respond urgently to have any hope of stabilising warming at 'safe' levels. Our current Government's response to this report has been so far woefully inadequate.

A number of UK local authorities have already recognised this climate emergency and I would like to see West Lancs Council follow suit. I would encourage other readers to write to the council to request this. Pending central government both acknowledging the climate emergency and reviewing its planning policy guidance in the light of it, I believe the IPCC report should be used where appropriate to resist speculative development encouraged by the Government's now questionable economic growth mantra.

The amount of green belt land under consideration for development in the proposed local plan troubles me most. The IPCC report stresses the carbon absorption benefits of trees and therefore encourages returning land to woodland. West Lancashire is sadly largely devoid of trees. We all accept open fields as 'normal' countryside, when in fact it is an unnatural and ecologically barren landscape. Returning surplus agricultural land to woodland I believe should be the default option, benefiting local wildlife and residents. Strong policies on woodland/tree planting are required in this plan.

My final point on the proposed local plan relates to the time period it covers. If humanity is to survive the climate crisis then we are at the beginning of a major transition in society at all levels. It is a fight that all of us will need to be engaged in to win. Given the enormous uncertainties of this moment I cannot see how we can hope to get things right projecting up to 2050. I do recognise that good work has been done as well as the benefits of longer term planning, but a more cautious review of the existing local plan, introducing recognition of the climate crisis as a new central theme seems to me to be the most sensible course of action for now.

Clearly if we get this wrong we will not be able to revoke it later. We must champion our local area for our children first and foremost, and move forward with care until the path becomes clearer.

Alan Turner, by email.

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Remainers in Parliament trying to overturn the will of the people

ON June 23, 2016 the people of the UK voted in a referendum - a 'people's vote' - to leave the EU in a clean break with no ties, a 'no deal Brexit' to take back our sovereignty, our national independence and become an international trading nation once again.

Of the 46.5 million people who were eligible to vote on that day only 16.1 million voted to remain, which represents 35 per cent of the electorate. Convention has it that those who didn't vote, or those who chose not to vote for some reason, have to accept the decision of the majority, as should the group who lost the vote.

Unfortunately a group of fanatical remainers consider that they know what is better for the UK than the 'ordinary people' and they are prepared to do anything to try to disrupt or reverse the outcome of that vote. They would have us believe that Britain would remain a sovereign nation as part of a stable, successful international association. John Major, when he signed the Maastrict Treaty, told us it was a 'tidying up exercise' but actually transferred our sovereignty from London to Brussels. If we remain in the EU we will become a province in a German-led superstate.

Remainers following their own agendas include the Chancellor, Phillip Hammond, MP for Runnymede and Weybridge, where 20,259 voted remain, 45.7 per cent on the day and 34.8 per cent of the constituents. Anna Soubry, Conservative MP for Broxtowe, had 29,672 vote remain which was 45.5 per cent on the day but only 35.5 per cent of the constituents, She couldn't even convince her own constituents to support her view and apparently a number are are trying to get her deselected. Nick Boles, Conservative MP for Grantham and Stamford, had a 61 per cent leave vote. Members in the constituency want him de-selected.

Also, Yvette Cooper, is Labour MP for Normanton, Pontefract and Castleford, which had a 70 per cent leave vote, which makes her attempt to stop a no deal Brexit even more unbelievable.

To quote Edmund Burke: "When ordinary people do nothing the fanatics take over."

James Hancock,
A Common Man, Ormskirk.

PICTURE of the week

Ormskirk's talented impressionist Jon Culshaw takes a moment to reflect on his speech at last Friday's Ormskirk Rotary Club 82nd Charter Anniversary Dinner held at Briar's Hall Hotel.

Call for borough MP to engage in 'meaningful conversation' with public over Brexit impasse

PEOPLE'S Vote West Lancashire concur with Mr Knaggs (Champion, January 9) about the lack of public engagement of our MP Rosie Cooper over Brexit.

After Mrs May's deal was rejected by a majority of 230 MPs we wrote to Rosie Cooper requesting a meeting. We received a brief reply simply re-stating Labour Party policy with no offer to meet us.

People's Vote West Lancashire has over 300 registered supporters and has held street stalls in Ormskirk and Skelmersdale. At these stalls over 200 people have written a postcard to Rosie Cooper supporting a final vote. Most people support a final vote because they didn't have enough information in 2016.

West Lancashire benefits from the EU, for example by research funding at Edge Hill University, by agricultural and horticultural workers and by staffing of our health service.

Informed advice from economists and trade experts to our Government is that a no-deal Brexit will damage our economy by 9% and by 3% for an exit on Mrs May's terms. What are the implications for West Lancs and how many jobs may we lose?

We respect the views of people who voted for Brexit but as a mature democracy we need to know the current will of the people before making an irrevocable decision with profound implications for our economy and our children's opportunities, and not make our decision based on a referendum in 2016 when we voted on fiction not fact.

Within Rosie Cooper's own party there is a spectrum of views and these are changing day-to-day. We are requesting a meaningful conversation with Rosie to understand her views on how to solve the Parliamentary impasse and why we think the public should have the final say.

Kenneth Lamden, Volunteer Team Leader, People's Vote West Lancashire.

So, what is undemocratic about a second referendum?

IT puzzles me why some consider it undemocratic to have a further referendum on Brexit.

A general election was held on May 7, 2015 and another on June 8, 2017, two years and one month apart. I don't recall anyone suggesting that the second was undemocratic.

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David Gordon, Ormskirk.

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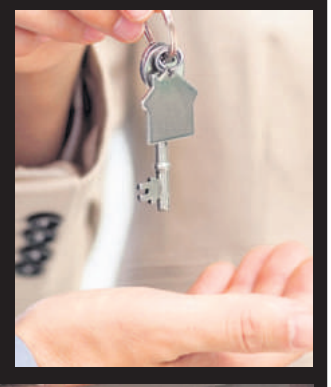

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County police commissioner warns of threat to business posed by cyber criminals

Report by **Henry James**

Small and medium-sized operations identified as being most at risk

LANCASHIRE'S Police and Crime Commissioner, Clive Grunshaw has warned that small and medium-sized businesses are the most vulnerable to cyber criminals, at an event aimed at helping them to understand the risks and how to prevent becoming victims.

Around 180 people from businesses across the county attended to hear a number of speakers from a range of different backgrounds on helping them stay safe in the modern age of technology.

Online crime is one of the biggest challenges facing policing and small and medium-sized businesses are often targeted as many don't have the correct protections in place or think that criminals only focus on large organisations.

Late last year, the commissioner launched his 'Be Cyber Wise' campaign aimed at helping businesses and the public get a clear view of what the cyber risks are and how to improve their online security, alongside highlighting the importance of reporting all online crimes to Action Fraud, the national reporting centre for fraud and cyber crime.

Mr Grunshaw, who is the National Association of Police and Crime Commissioners' Lead for Fraud and Cyber Crime, said: "Online crime accounts for over half of all crime committed every day

Lancashire's Police and Crime Commissioner Clive Grunshaw addressing the conference on cyber crime.

and this is set to grow rapidly. Businesses, especially small and medium-sized businesses, are one of the main at risk groups and by highlighting the techniques that online criminals use we can help more people protect themselves and avoid becoming victims.

"Prevention has to be at the forefront of tackling cyber crime and this is the focus of my 'Be Cyber Wise' campaign and a lot of the great work being done here in Lancashire. Cyber volunteers and cyber specials continuing to help people and businesses improve their cyber security across the county, helping those most at risk as people live their lives increasingly online

"By working together in partnership regionally, nationally and internationally, we can stay one step ahead of online criminals in the constantly evolving digital world."

Detective Inspector Andy Horne from Lancashire Constabulary said: "Lancashire Police is committed to tackling all forms of cyber crime, especially where the offenders target the most vulnerable. We focus on 4 Ps - Prevent, Protect, Prepare and Pursue - with much of our work about educating people and enterprises around how they can make themselves more secure.

"The constabulary also supports a network of skilled cyber special volunteers who work tirelessly to provide additional cyber crime resources at the local level, often running digital drop-ins where anyone with questions or concerns can receive face-to-face advice from a skilled digital volunteer."

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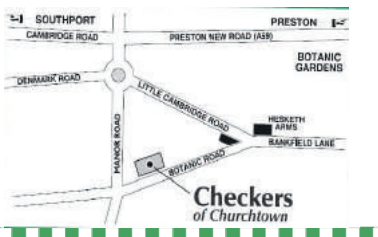

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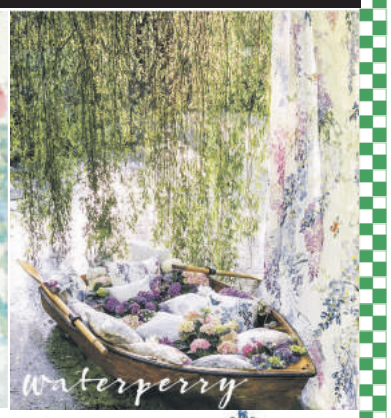

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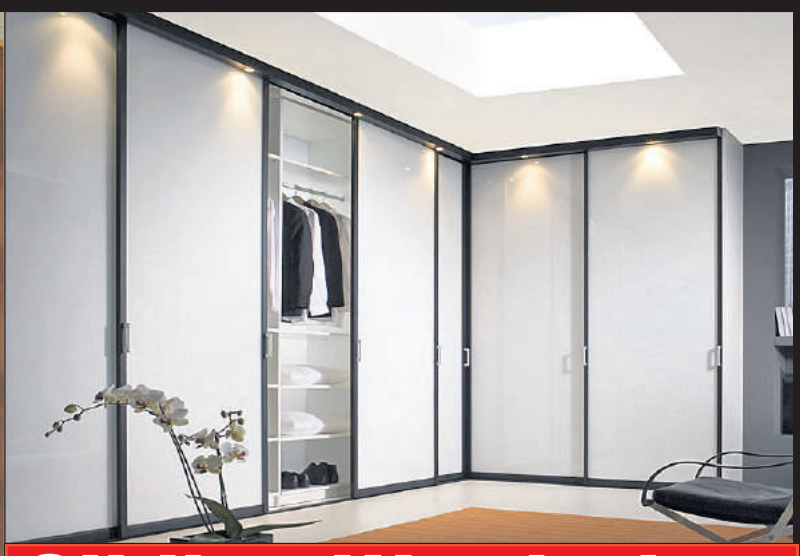

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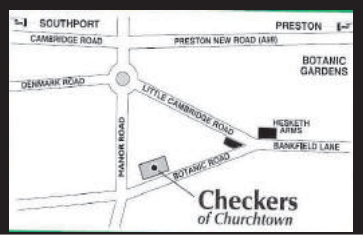

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MP backs call for commitment to tackling climate change

ROSIE Cooper is one of the signatories of a letter to the Prime Minister calling for the UK to commit to ending Britain's contribution to the problem of climate change before 2050.

The West Lancs MP said: "As a country we need to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels and invest and explore alternative, greener, renewable energies to sustain our future.

"Fracking is not the answer to moving away from coal, oil and gas, but instead renewable energies including solar panels, wind farms and hydropower, should be looked at for our longer-term energy security and ensuring such alternatives are installed and constructed with the backing of the local population."

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New Quit Squad initiative targets grassroots sport

LANCASHIRE'S dedicated stop smoking service, the Quit Squad, is looking to work with local grassroots sports leagues and clubs to encourage a new initiative – Smoke Free Sidelines.

The aim of the initiative is to de-normalise smoking around children and young people, specifically those engaged in sport and to break the association of smoking with sport.

Gareth Beck from the Quit Squad, a service delivered by Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust and funded by Lancashire County Council, said: "Children and young people have the right to participate in and enjoy physical activity and sport in a clean, smoke-free environment.

"We want leagues and clubs to recognise the significant evidence demonstrating the negative health impacts of tobacco use and exposure to second-hand smoke.

"We believe everyone involved in grassroots sport has a responsibility to set an example with respect to health and wellbeing and help to create healthy, shared community spaces for children and families."

The service also provides free pitch-side resources and would like to hear from leagues and clubs involved in grassroots sports across Lancashire.

For more information contact the Quit Squad on Freephone 0800 328 6297 to discuss how to create a healthier future for the next generation.

People can access the Quit Squad service in their local community by visiting a drop-in clinic (for which no appointments are required) or by attending a one-to-one session.

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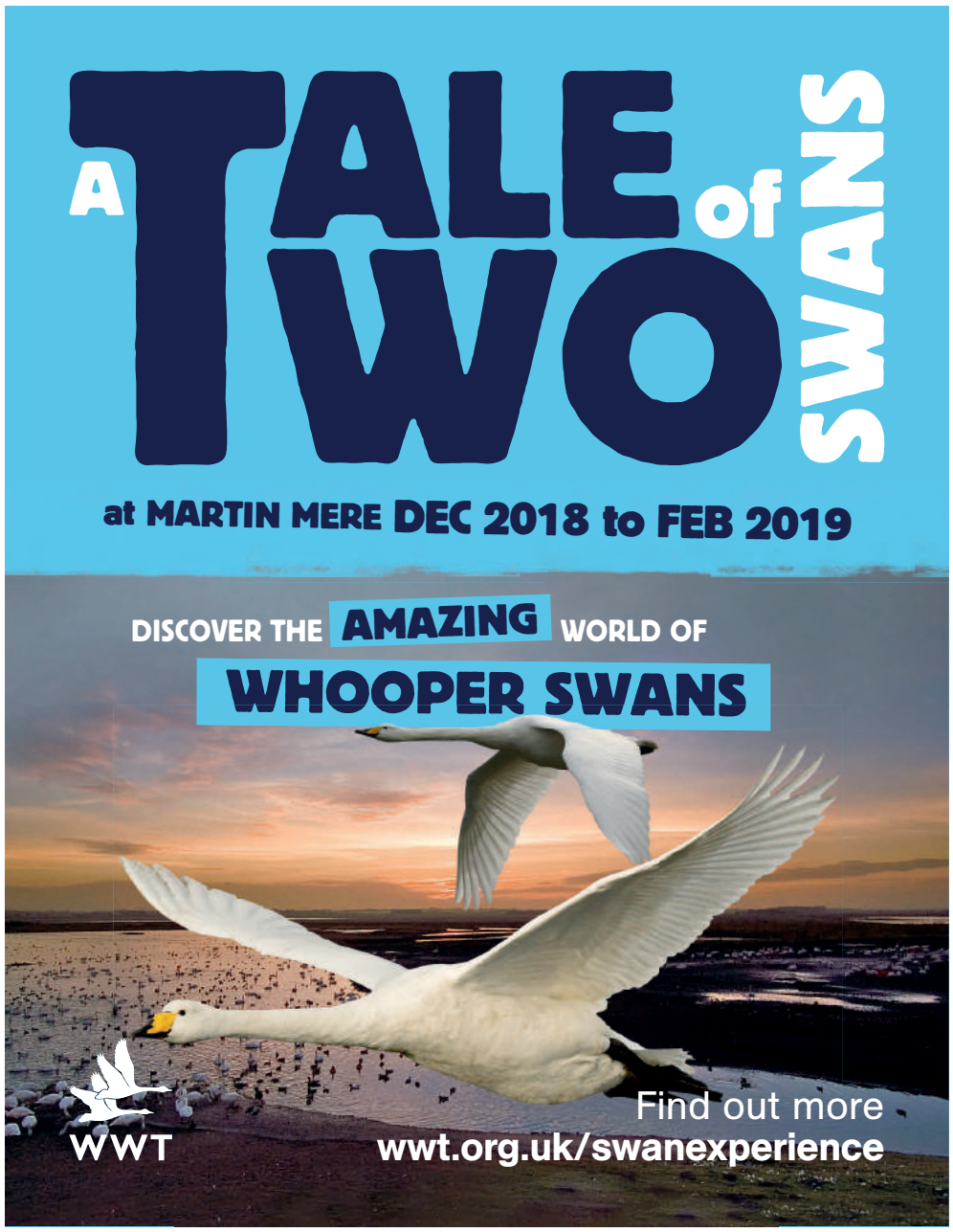

Public consultation on county council budget proposals

Report by **Henry James**

Chance to have your say on plans to cut waste centre hours and changes to Break Time and Wellbeing Service

MEMBERS of the public are being invited to have their say on the future of a number of services delivered by Lancashire County Council.

Consultations have been launched into the operating days and times of the council's household waste recycling centres, as well as the provision of the Lancashire Break Time and Lancashire Wellbeing Service.

Proposed changes to the services were outlined last year as part of a package of measures to help reduce an anticipated deficit at the council to £46m by 2022/23.

Councillors at a cabinet meeting in December voted in favour of the measures, which are subject to the approval of full council next month.

A number of the proposals also require a public consultation to be undertaken, with a final decision only being taken when the results are considered by cabinet later in the year.

The consultations, which run until March 25, are the first to be undertaken by the authority as part of this process.

A further consultation into payments given for sleep-in services will also be launched specifically for current providers.

County Councillor Geoff Driver.

Council leader, County Councillor Geoff Driver, said: "Like many other councils across the country the council continues to review how it delivers services given increasing demand and reducing resources.

"These consultations will give people the opportunity to voice their opinions about these services and help us better understand the impact any changes may have.

"We want to hear people's views and the cabinet will consider them very carefully before making a decision.

"For practical and legal reasons, the council has to set and publish its budget before the consultation exercise is concluded but we have the flexibility to make any changes necessary after considering the views expressed in the consultation.

"We remain committed to providing the best services we can to the people of Lancashire and particularly to protecting services for the most vulnerable in our communities."

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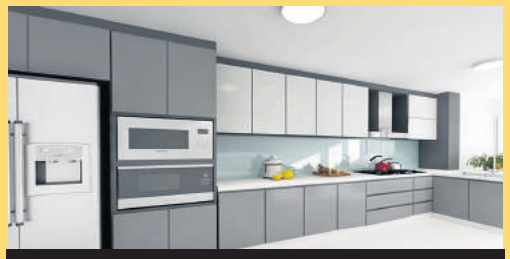

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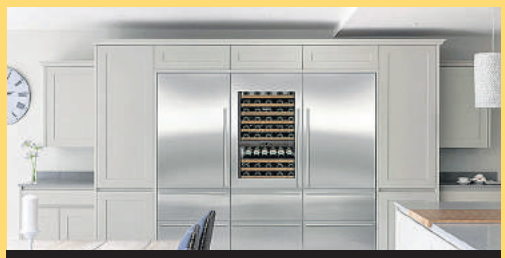

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Report by **Henry James**

THE BOSS of an independent travel firm says his company has defied what he called "all the Brexit scaremongering" to sell a record £1m worth of holidays in just one day.

Don Bircham, managing director of Hays Travel North West, which has bases in Ormskirk, Maghull Southport and Bootle, with plans to open in Formby, said the scare stories were doing nothing to put off a resilient British public from booking their holidays in the sun.

Hays Travel North West has opened 11 new stores over the last year, and claims to be the UK's fastest-growing independent travel firm.

Don added: "We now have a fix on how we are performing, during what is the busiest month of the year for us and hugely important within the industry as a whole.

"It's when some of the best deals and discounts are available and the time when people are really looking to plan something to look forward to. We had a bumper January last year and so I have been astounded with the results for 2019 so far.

Don Bircham of Hays Travel.

"Even if we take out the 11 stores we have opened over the last year, we are still 10 per cent up in terms of passenger numbers and holiday sales which is a fantastic boost.

"We have also just had our busiest sales day in the history of the company. The second Saturday in January is always a key day in the calendar for us and our stores made close to £1m worth of holiday sales in just that one day."

He added: "There has been a lot of Brexit scaremongering, talk of high costs of visas, having to change passports, huge queues at airports and flights being grounded but I just can't see this happening at all.

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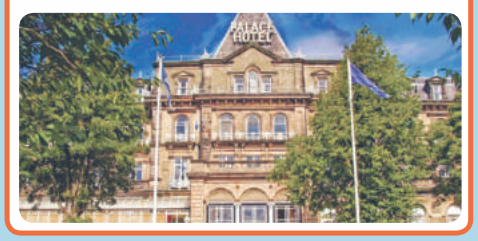

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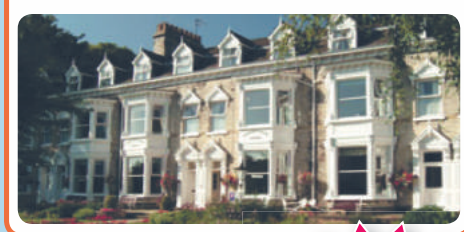

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Victorian chef gave me food for thought

I CONFESS that I occasionally scan recipe books by celebrity chefs hoping to pick up a few tips to improve my own home cooking. Not so much slavishly to follow their recipes (which usually include things I rarely buy) but to see what they do and adapt it to my more simple ways of working.

And that reminds me of an occasion many years ago now, when my former wife borrowed a 1930s (I think) cook book from the library with astonishing recipes from the Good Old US of A.

The one I liked best was a recipe for squirrel pie - not that I personally have anything against squirrels, though my dog, Tina, has the life pestered out of her by one that resides somewhere at the end of my back garden. This recipe though was like no other I've ever seen. It started: 'First catch your squirrels.' Agreed, you don't see many ready-prepared squirrels in Tesco these days, but that did seem to be going a bit too far!

More recently a friend gave me a pocket recipe book dating from 1852 written by one Charles Elme Francatelli, who was apparently Maitre D and Chief Cook to Her Majesty the Queen. Which should have given him all the qualifications needed for this recipe book, considering its title of *A Plain Cookery Book for the Working Classes*.

It certainly is an eye-opener in that many of the foods we regard as expensive today were obviously within in the grasp of our Victorian forebears. Oysters for instance were, probably literally, ten a penny. On the other hand, chicken (or fowl as it appears in this book) was something the author hoped might be within our financial grasp at Christmas time.

To be fair, what Mr Francatelli was trying to achieve has a remarkably modern ring to it. In his introduction he writes: "My object in writing this little book is to show you how you may prepare and cook your daily food so as to obtain from it the greatest amount of nourishment at the least possible expense."

It's interesting that the first recipe in the book, for boiled beef, is, quote: "an economical dinner especially where there are many mouths to feed."

Among the other cuts of beef that he suggests are brisket or 'buttock of beef', by which I suppose he means rump, and the total cost, including a selection of veg, works out at 3s 9d in 'old money' (about 67p today). And he reckons you should have enough left over to help out with the next day's dinner with potatoes!

One foodstuff that does puzzle me rather is tripe. I love the stuff. As a kid it was thought of as a cheap meal (though apparently it was on the costly side in Mr F's day). Now it is definitely a bit on the dear side again and rarely available in a supermarket. In this cook book he recommends having it boiled or baked. Personally I grew up to eat it as it comes from the shop, cold, preferably with chips. As a small child, when my brother George and I visited my granny in Ormskirk we always popped into a chippy on Burscough Street and got cold tripe (cut into squares) and chips. Lovely! The chippy's still there but tripe's not on the menu.

In my treasured little Victorian cook book, between the bizarre and sometimes frankly off-putting suggestions, there are still very useful recipes for today - mince pies, rice and bread puddings, and bubble and squeak, for instance.

But baked cod's head? Or how to make the most of your pig (or anyone else's you could lay your hands on) after it has been killed?

Perhaps I should have a go at writing a cook book for single people in our day and age. I have realised for instance that a nice, small, boned joint of pork works out far more cheaply than buying pork chops. And, conversely, ready-cooked fillets of chicken breasts can be far more easy to handle, with less waste, than a ready-cooked whole chicken for one, and the cost is much the same.

Mind you, I have never been Maitre D to Her Majesty and I rather doubt my home-cooked fare would suit her pallet.

School choir joins 'song for peace' performance

MEMBERS of a West Lancs primary school choir added their voices to thousands of other children's in a large scale performance organised to promote peace.

The choir from Bickerstaffe CE Primary School formed a part of the 3,000-strong Liverpool Children's Peace Choir performing at Peace Proms at the M&S Bank Arena in Liverpool.

Joining forces with the choir were internationally acclaimed conductor, Greg Beardsell and the award-winning Cross Border Youth Orchestra of Ireland, to ensure that children, parents, teachers and audience had what the Bickerstaffe school's headteacher, Maggie Teachen said was "an exhilarating and memorable experience."

Ms Teachen said pupils had rehearsed at every opportunity to ensure they were word perfect and that their moves were on-point.

The Peace Proms is a music education resource for primary schools which promotes 'peace through music' and already engages almost 30,000 children from 500 schools throughout the UK, Northern Ireland and Ireland, giving them the opportunity to sing in a large-scale productions with a full symphony youth orchestra.

Bickerstaffe CE Primary School choir.

Ms Teachen added that it had been an "extremely busy" year for her young musical charges, having also recorded We Are All Stars, a Children in Need charity single at Parr Street Studios in Liverpool, and raised £320 for Skelmersdale, Kirkby and Ormskirk foodbanks by their singing in the run-up to Christmas.

The children also found time to sing for the elderly residents of Stockley Crescent, Bickerstaffe.

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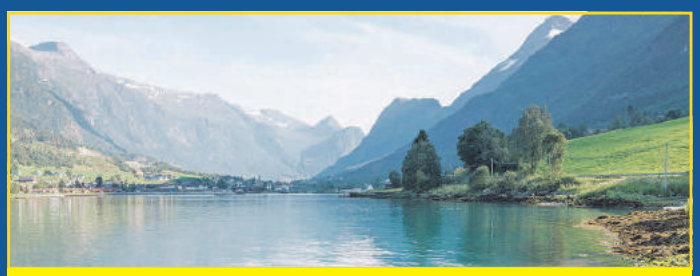

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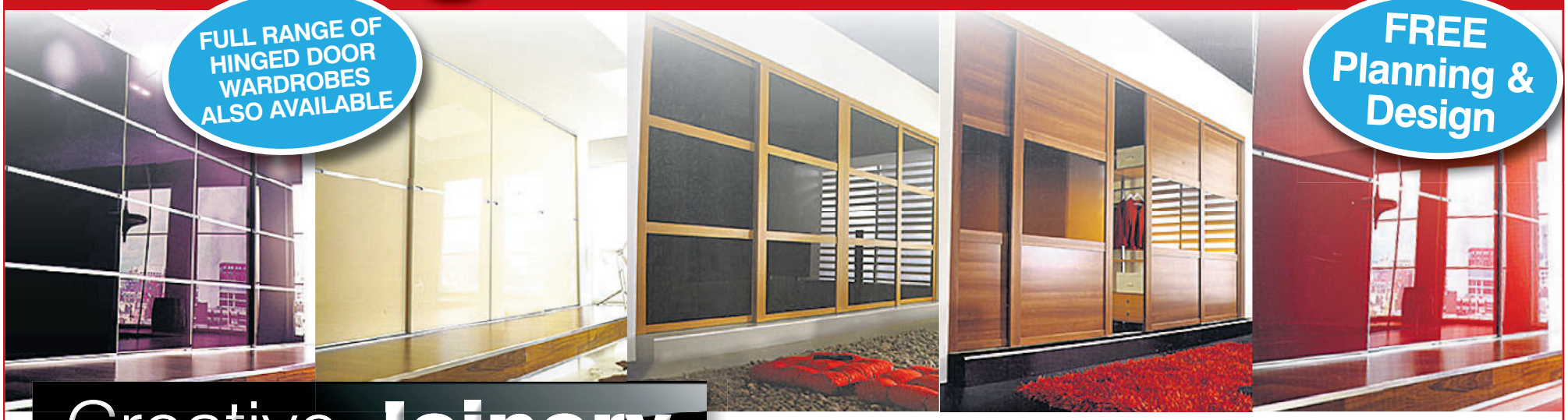

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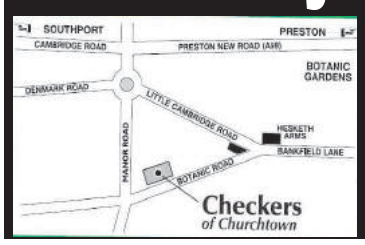

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Last chance to nominate inspiring youngsters for county's PROUD awards

THERE'S still time - just - to nominate inspiring children and young people from Lancashire for an award to recognise their achievements.

The deadline for nominations for Lancashire County Council's PROUD awards has been extended and will now close at 11.59pm on Friday, February 8.

PROUD celebrates the successes and contributions made by children and young people who are currently being looked after, or have previously been looked after.

Achievements in young people's own lives and in helping others will be recognised by the PROUD awards.

Any child or young person up to 25, who is currently looked after or has been previously, can be nominated for an award either individually or as part of a group. A young person can be nominated by someone who worked with them up to 12 months ago - the person making the nomination doesn't necessarily have to be working with them currently.

People can nominate online at www.lancashirechildrenstrust.org.uk/news.

County Councillor Susie Charles.

Young people can be nominated individually or in groups in the following five award categories:

- **Positive choices and achievements.**
- **Responding to the needs of others.**
- **Outstanding service to the community.**
- **Unique talent.**
- **Danny Collins inspiration award.**

County Councillor Susie Charles, Lancashire County Council's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "We've had lots of nominations so far, but we think that this is important and we want to make sure that everyone gets the chance.

"If you know a child or young person who you think deserves special recognition, this is your chance to nominate them for an award. Whatever the achievement, whether it's caring for someone, helping out in the community, overcoming personal hardship, volunteering or showing a sporting or artistic talent, please make sure you tell us about it."

All nominees will receive a congratulatory letter and a certificate of recognition.

Young people are also able to nominate staff and volunteers who have made a difference to their lives in the PROUD+ category of the awards.

Any young person who needs help to write their nomination form can speak to a carer or personal advisor, or email PROUDrecognition@lancashire.gov.uk.

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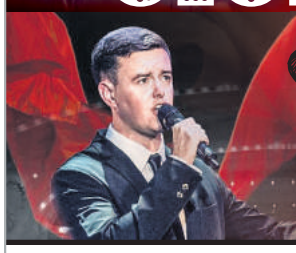

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Edge Hill student is on course for Aikido world championship bid thanks to scholarship award

A GOLD-standard sports scholarship has helped an Edge Hill University student to pursue her ambition of appearing at a world championship.

Morgan Murphy is in the final year of a Film & Television Production degree, an area she hopes to move into upon completing of her course. And while she hopes to graduate in 2019, she also has her sights set on sporting success this year in the Japanese martial art of Aikido.

The 21-year-old is due to compete at the 12th edition of the world championship in San Diego, USA in July, following some encouraging results.

"I came third in Basic Kata in the European Open Championships in Holland, and third at the British Open in Open Kata.

"I also went to Romania with my coach to help teach a club in Constanta as they wanted to become a part of the Worldwide Sports Aikido Federation. It was a lot of fun and a challenge to teach young students who spoke another language."

And Morgan feels the Edge Hill scholarship, worth £1,000 per academic year plus benefits such as free gym membership, personal training and physiotherapy support, has made her chances of success more likely.

She said: "The scholarship has really helped. I have been able to travel to GB training every month without worry of the cost of getting there. Alongside this I have been able to pay for trips to competitions and seminars across Europe.

"The gym has helped me not to lose confidence, as it's difficult to attend regular Aikido classes. Full access to the gym and a personal trainer has helped me prepare. They encourage me to work hard, which is needed when I am not able to train with my team."

Morgan with co-competitor Rajdeep Shergill at the 2018 European Open Championships in Holland where she won a bronze medal.

The physio support could also prove vital for Morgan, having recently found out she had torn the anterior cruciate ligament in her left knee. Fortunately, it should not rule out her participation in San Diego, with a national competition in Dartford next stop in April.

"The physios have been incredibly helpful allowing me to know how to strengthen my muscles to avoid further injury in upcoming competitions. I will be getting surgery after the world championship, and initially I will be taking a step back from Aikido for a couple of months."

Morgan was selected for a Sport Scholarship (gold) award in 2017, being awarded £1,000 per academic year towards her studies, plus free benefits include annual gym membership on campus, personal training and sport science support tailored to her individual needs.

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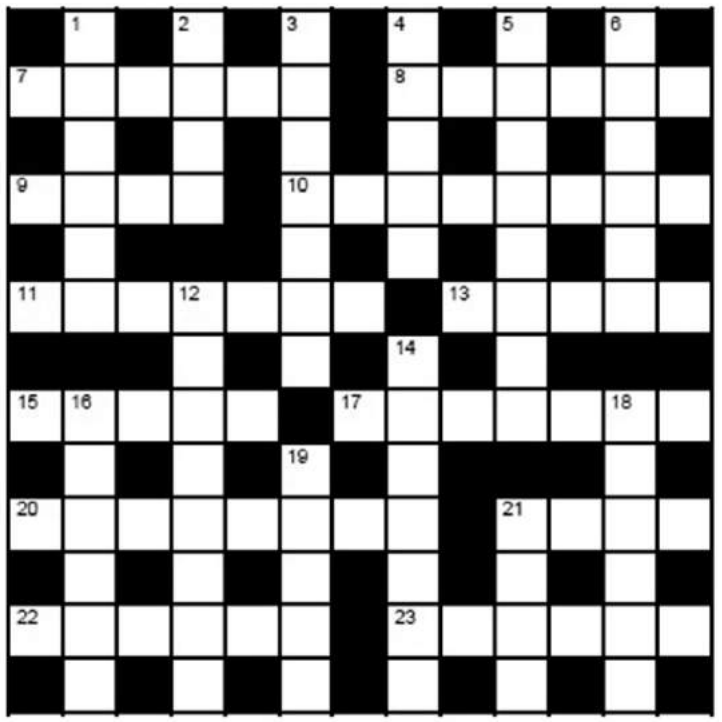

Last week's solutions:

Across: 7. Lunatic fringe. 8. Denounce. 9. Bold. 10. Contest. 12. Enemy. 14. Ridge. 16. Machete. 19. Isle. 20. Backrest. 22. Football pools.

Down: 1. Fume. 2. Cavort. 3. Witness. 4. Often. 5. Big Ben. 6. Age limit. 11. Omission. 13. Catcall. 15 Ghetto. 17. Harrow. 18. U-Boat. 21. Silk.

ACROSS

7. The commonly held opinion of someone or something (6)
8. Impious, sacrilegious (6)
9. Hard, typically green stone used for ornaments (4)
10. Witty banter (8)
11. Talented or expert individual (3, 4)
13. Underground parts of a plant; origins (5)
15. Keyboard instrument or body part such as heart or liver(5)
17. Increase the volume; augment (7)
20. Lowest floor of a building (8)
21. To tempt or entice (4)
22. Arrangements (3-3)
23. Carve, mould, or stamp a design on (a surface) so that it stands out in relief (6)

DOWN

1. Small, foot-powered pleasure boat (6)
2. A letter of an ancient Germanic alphabet, related to the Roman alphabet (4)
3. Car transmission part (7)
4. Contagious and infectious viral disease causing swelling of the parotid glands (5)
5. Porous form of carbon used as a fuel and for drawing (8)
6. Able to express oneself easily and articulately (6)
12. Divide up something such as money (5, 3)
14. Suffocate, stifle (7)
16. Person or machine that harvests a crop (6)
18. Large area covered with trees (6)
19. International organisation for people with high IQs (5)
21. Part of the brain or the ear (4)

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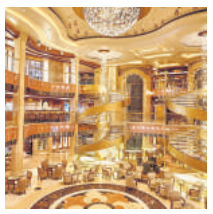

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Reservations now being taken for new homes on former Westec House site

RESERVATIONS are being taken for new homes currently being built in Ormskirk town centre by Cruden Construction on behalf of West Lancs Council.

The Walmsley Drive development on the former Westec House site in Derby Street comprises 19 homes in total made up of three two-bedroom terraced houses; eight two-bedroom semi-detached houses; six three-bedroom semi-detached houses; one three-bedroom detached house and one two-bedroom terraced house available for shared ownership.

Claims of delays in gritting roads denied

LABOUR members of Lancashire County Council say they have been "inundated" with complaints from members of the public about delays to gritting on roads throughout he county, despite warnings of freezing temperatures and snow.

And they claim the problem has been caused by the authority's Conservative administration to cut gritting services by lowering the temperature needed to trigger call-outs in August.

However, a spokesman for the authority refuted the claims and said changes adopted had not led to any delay in making decisions about when the county's roads need to be gritted.

County Councillor John Fillis, deputy leader of the authority's Labour group, said: "Lancashire County Council have decided to lower the road surface temperature intervention level from +1C to +0.5C, cutting the gritting treatments on the highway network this winter.

"They are hoping to save £110k per annum, by reducing the number of network gritting treatments during the winter period to primary and secondary routes.

"Cutting the intervention is predicted to reduce the number of gritting treatments by 894 across Lancashire, based on the intervention levels of +1.0C over the past two winters."

"We told them that cutting gritting deployment would lead to problems, not only of delays in response times but also in the amount of the network that could be gritted especially on secondary routes.

"I and other councillors, have been inundated with calls from residents unable to get down the road and reports of, thankfully so far, only minor accidents.

"At the time of the cuts to gritting we were informed that it would be reviewed if problems occurred. We hope the Conservatives will keep their promise to the people as 894 less gritting rounds are causing major disruptions right across Lancashire."

A spokesman for Lancashire County Council responded: "The adoption of improved technology which predicts more accurately when road temperatures will reach freezing point has not led to any delay in making decisions about when the county's roads need to be gritted.

"A safety margin of 0.5C is still built into the decision-making process and we treated all priority routes ahead of the recent snowfall, and continued with the treatment day and night, just as we would have aimed to do in previous years.

"There has been no change to the policy to only treat second priority routes once the main routes are clear, and all secondary routes in West Lancashire were treated on the morning of Thursday, January 31.

"Our gritting teams have been very busy over the past week, and the gritters which cover routes in West Lancashire as well as nearby areas such as Chorley, have used over 500 tonnes of salt in that time."

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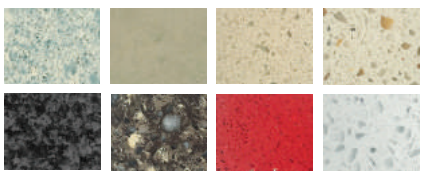

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Bishop joins in sing-along to mark nursery's official opening

THE Bishop of Burney joined youngsters in a nursery rhyme sing-a-long session to mark the official opening of a West Lancs Nursery.

Although the Little Saints nursery, attached to All Saints CE Primary School in Hesketh Bank, has been up and running for a year, Bishop Philip North was invited to perform the official ceremony which also marked the recent step to full-time nursery provision.

The bishop enjoyed lunch with staff and governors of the school in Shore Road, as well meeting members of the school council and being introduced to the children and parents at the nursery.

And following the official ribbon-cutting he joined the youngsters for renditions of favourites including Humpty Dumpty, Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star and The Grand Old Duke of York before serving tea and announcing: "I love the name Little Saints."

The Bishop was then taken on a tour of the whole school and joined in with collective worship.

Headteacher, Tony Currie, said, "We are blessed to have the bishop open our nursery. Little Saints prepares the children incredibly well for school and gives them an easier transition to reception class. All the children love being a Little Saint!"

He also thanked Mrs Bennett, Miss Pickering and Mrs Grills and said the nursery, which has 23 places, is already "a fun and busy place to be!"

Reverend Dave Dickinson from All Saints Church, who also attended the ceremony, added: "The kids have been magnificent, as always, and that's down to the wonderful partnership of staff, kids, families, supporters, governors and church."

Bishop of Burnley, Philip North, with children at Little Saints Nursery.

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Cheshire Lines, Sefton Lane
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SATURDAY

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Greenhill Community Room
Beech Close
(Off Lancaster Cres)
8am & 10am
Sarah: 07969 395302

ORMSKIRK
Ormskirk Rugby Club, Green Lane
7.30am & 9.30am
Tina: 0151 548 4266

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Council says sorry over generator diesel fumes blowing into home

Report by **Kenny Parker**

WEST Lancs Council has apologised to an Ormskirk resident who contacted the Champion after fumes from a contractor's diesel generator prevented him from opening his windows or working on the outside of his home.

Although originally from the town, Mike Thompson only moved back to the house in Carroll Crescent in December after relocating from Herefordshire.

But it was hardly a case of a warm welcome back as he discovered mobile units housing offices to the rear of his home for a construction company working on the nearby Scott Estate along with a diesel generator spewing out fumes.

Initially he wasn't overly concerned after being told that they would be gone before Christmas, only to learn subsequently that the contractor would be around a lot longer.

After failing to make any headway with the local authority's environment health department or the contractor's management, Mr Thompson contacted the Champion and the council agreed to move the offending machine.

He told us: "The diesel generator is barely 30 feet away and it's blowing continuously into my house, I have been trying to do pointing work on the walls outside but I can't.

"It's like having a big lorry parked in your garden revving up with the fumes blowing all the time.

"Also, I can't open the windows and even when I am having a shower I can't open one to let moisture out because the fumes just blow in."

Positive response

A spokesperson for West Lancs Council said: "The council has listened to the concerns of the resident and has apologised for any disturbance or other inconvenience caused.

"Staff arranged with the contractor for the generator and cabins to be removed from the week commencing Monday, January 21. The containers will be replaced with two smaller cabins and a smaller diesel-powered heater, which will be placed away from residents' properties.

"The contractor is working on Carroll Crescent installing new kitchens on more than 90 homes as part of the council's investment programme to continually improve its properties for the benefit of its residents. The works are expected to be completed within the next seven weeks."

Afterwards, Mr Thompson said: "It is acceptable now. I am glad their response was positive. They have brought in new generators, that are smaller and cleaner, and I am quite happy with the response."

How West Lancs and Sefton MPs voted on Brexit amendments

MPS were asked to vote on Tuesday, January 29 on seven amendments drawn up in attemps to change the direction of Brexit.

Report by **Henry James**

During the vote Prime Minister Theresa May was given a mandate to go back to the EU and renegotiate the withdrawal agreement.

Her withdrawal agreement had been rejected in a historic Commons defeat on January 15, so Mrs May had to return to Parliament for a way forward to be thrashed out.

During the voting on January 29 a majority of MPs voted to support her agreement, but only if there is a renegotiation of the Northern Ireland backstop.

The motion, put forward by Tory Brexiteer Sir Graham Brady, was passed by 317 votes to 301.

However EU leaders have so far said they will not renegotiate the deal Mrs May agreed last year.

A motion put forward by Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn to allow other Brexit options to be discussed to stop leaving the EU without a deal was rejected by 327 against to 296 for.

SNP Westminster leader Ian Blackford's amendment calling for an extension to Article 50 (the deadline for the UK leaving the EU) was rejected (327 against, for 39).

Former Conservative minister Dominic Grieve introduced a motion where MPs would be given six days to come up with alternatives and vote for them. It was rejected (321 against and 301 for).

A motion put forward by Labour MP Yvette Cooper to delay Brexit until December 31, which would mean there was less chance of a no deal Brexit, was rejected (for 298 and against 321).

A motion by another Labour MP, Rachel Reeves, calling for Brexit to be delayed and an extension to Article 50 of two years was rejected (for 290 and against 322).

And a motion put forward by Tory MP Caroline Spelman to reject leaving the EU without a deal was passed (for 318 and against 310). However it is not binding on the Govvernment.

Here's our local MPs voted on the various Brexit amendments:

- Corbyn' amendment

Rosie Cooper, West Lancashire (for)
Damien Moore, Southport (against)
Bill Esterson, Sefton Central (for)
Peter Dowd, Bootle (for)

- Blackford amendment

Rosie Cooper (did not vote)
Damien Moore (against)
Bill Esterson (did not vote)
Peter Dowd (did not vote)

- Grieve amendment

Rosie Cooper (against)
Damien Moore (against)
Bill Esterson (for)
Peter Dowd (for)

- Yvette Cooper amendment

Rosie Cooper (against)
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- Reeves amendment

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- Spelman amendment

Rosie Cooper (for)
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- Brady amendment

Rosie Cooper (did not vote)
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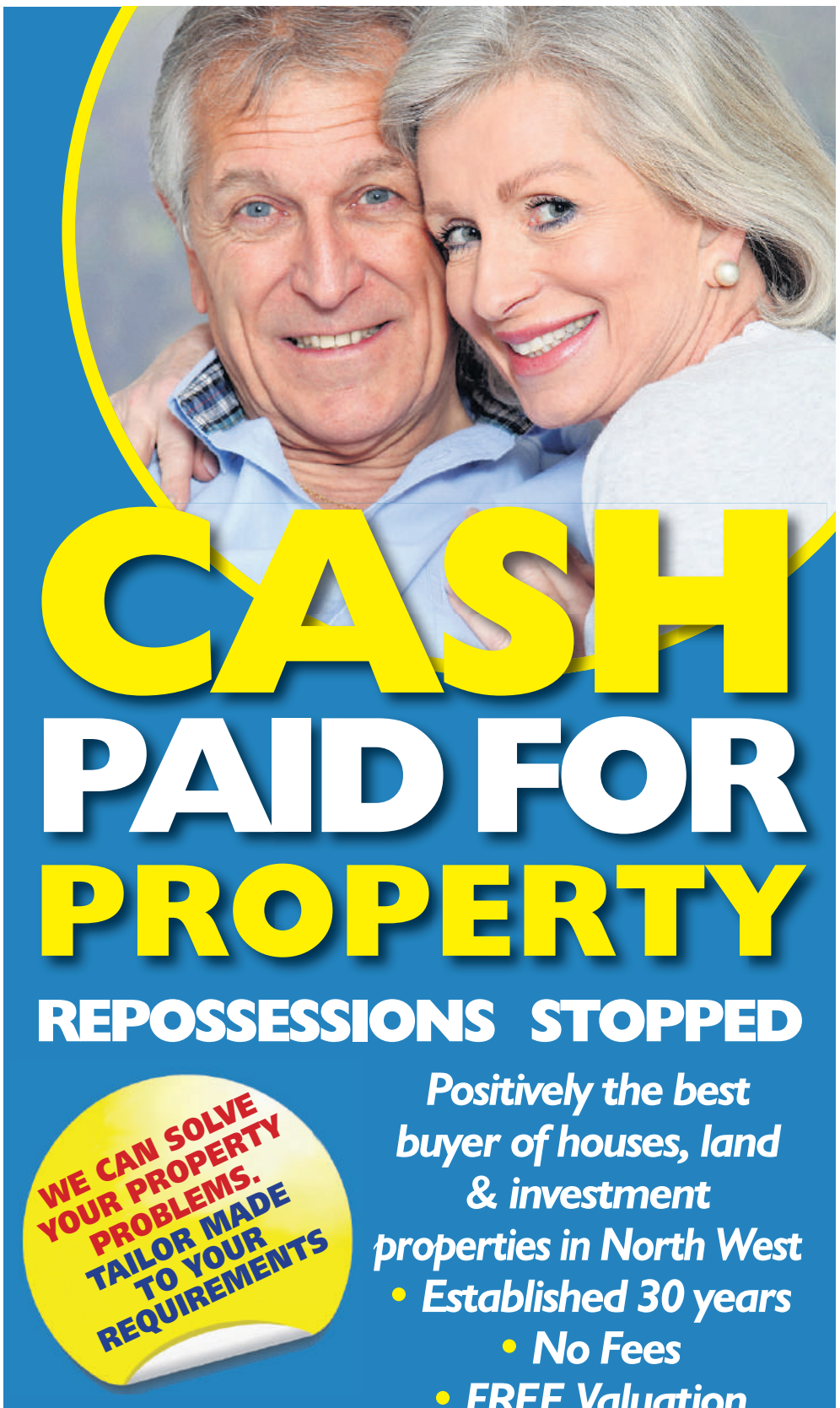

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Half of NW households could pay less for faster broadband

HALF the households in the North West could switch to faster broadband and even pay less than what they currently pay for basic broadband, according to new figures revealed by Ofcom.

The revelation comes as the regulatory and competition authority for the telecom industry announces plans to introduce measures to ensure a better deal for broadband customers.

Ofcom date shows more than nine in ten homes and offices can now get superfast broadband, but at 43% less than half have taken it up.

The regulator also found that many people are paying more than they need to. Around four million UK households with old-style, basic broadband have passed their initial deal and could switch to superfast for the same - or less - money than they currently pay.

To help internet users get the best deal, Ofcom has launched Boost Your Broadband, an information campaign to help people find out how they could get more, for less from their broadband. The campaign is backed by Which? and the Government.

A new website, www.BoostYourBroadband.com, aims to demystify the broadband market by allowing people to easily check what type of broadband they can get in their area, while offering impartial advice on how to find the best deal.

Ofcom says it is taking a range of steps to help people get the best deal for their needs. It is proposing that broadband companies – as well as mobile and pay-TV providers – will have to tell customers about their best available deal every year, and when introductory offers are coming to an end.

These measures are alongside others coming into force this year. From March 1 broadband providers must supply better information on broadband speeds when people take out a contract and from April 1 they must automatically pay compensation when things go wrong.

Ofcom is also implementing the Government's universal broadband service, which will give people the right to request decent broadband connection.

TV reflexology expert to run course in village hall

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A REFLEXOLOGIST and foot reader who has appeared on a number of TV shows, is set to open her own Reflexology School in her home village of Scarisbrick,

Jane Sheehan, who is also the author of three books on the subjects, first got interested in reflexology after she and a friend booked a session believing it was a beauty treatment!

And she was so amazed by the experience that she went on to gain a distinction in reflexology at the Chiltern School of Reflexologists before taking her study further into foot reading.

Reflexology is a system of massage used to relieve tension and treat illness, based on the theory that there are reflex points on the feet, hands, and head linked to every part of the body.

Foot reading, meanwhile, is said to use the shape, colours and other features of the toes and feet to reveal emotions and personality traits.

Reflexology expert Jane Sheehan has appeared on a number of TV shows.

A honorary member of the Association of Reflexologists, Jane has been practicing reflexology since 1999 and has been a finalist in the Federation of Holistic Therapists' Tutor of the Year, as well as appearing on TV shows including *This Morning* with Philip Schofield and Holly Willoughby, *Loose Women* and the *Strictly Come Dancing* spin-off *It Takes Two*.

At the new school, located at Scarisbrick Village Hall in Smithy Lane, she will be teaching an Association of Reflexologists-recognised course developed in conjunction with Skills for Health, a not-for-profit organisation which aims to support the development of an improved and sustainable healthcare workforce across the UK.

Jane says the course will equip learners with the practical skills, knowledge and understanding to ultimately practice as competent and confident reflexologists.

More details about school can be found at https://www.templeacademyreflexology.co.uk/scarisbrick-l3.

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Information evening for potential adopters

LANCASHIRE County Council is once asking people to think about growing their family through adoption.

A special event for people considering adoption will be held at County Hall, on Fishergate in Preston on Tuesday, February 12 between 6 and 7.30pm to help them find out about the process involved.

There's no need to book, can just turn up on the night but early arrival is recommended so that the presentation can start promptly at 6pm. People attending the information evening are also asked to stay for the whole session.

The council is focussing on two different types of adoption, so that more babies and young children can go to live with their permanent family more quickly.

These are:

Best for Baby (concurrent placements) which places babies and young children, aged up to two, with foster carers who may go on to give them a permanent home.

Better Beginnings (the fostering-for-adoption scheme) is for children where there is no realistic prospect of a return to their birth family.

County Councillor Susie Charles, Lancashire's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "What matters to us are your personal qualities, and that you are able to provide a loving home, where you can support and look after a child throughout their childhood and beyond.

The county council is seeking people willing to growing their family through adoption.

"More children in Lancashire are benefiting from being placed with their adoptive families earlier, thanks to these programmes.

"Sometimes babies come into our care at birth or soon after, and they're looked after by foster carers, while we work with their parents to see if they can go home.

"If this isn't possible, the court process can take many months, and after that the baby usually has to move again, to their adoptive parents."

Best for Baby (concurrent placements) place a baby or child straight away with their prospective adopters, who are also approved as foster carers, while the birth family is assessed and the court makes a decision.

Cllr. Charles added: "Best for Baby placements mean that there's some degree of uncertainty for the adopters, because there is always a small chance the child might go home.

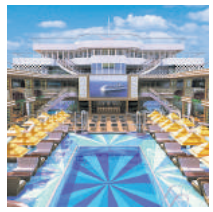
"If the adults can take on this uncertainty, the baby will have the chance of a more secure start in life. If they are adopted, they'll have been with their adoptive family for much longer."

Better Beginnings (foster-for-adoption) carers are approved as temporary foster carers, but are prepared to adopt the child - if it is eventually decided that they can't return to their birth family.

Arrangements through the Better Beginnings scheme can give children continuous care in the home that they may settle in permanently, rather than spending months with other foster carers first. They also give the added benefit of allowing them to bond with their new family at an earlier age.

This scheme has been encouraged by the Government over the last few years, across the country, as part of reforms to speed up the adoption process.

To adopt, people must be over 21 and live in Lancashire or close by, whatever their race, gender, sexuality, living arrangements, age or employment status.



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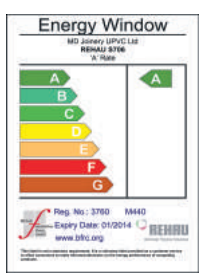

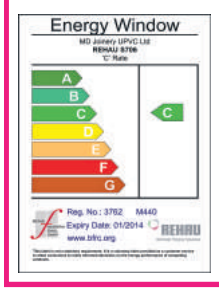

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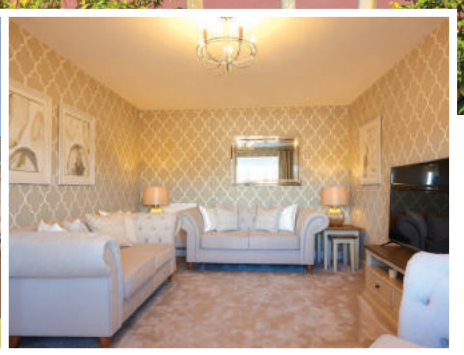

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Champion ENTERTAINMENT

Tale loved around world can be seen at Arts Centre

LOVED by children and adults around the world for generations, the classic tale of The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry has been given a fresh and witty new adaptation using Luca Silvestrini's distinctive blend of dance, humour, words and music.

Following its premiere at DanceEast for Christmas 2018, the show will be touring the UK and coming to Edge Hill Arts Centre on February 19 and 20. Audiences will be invited to join the Little Prince as he journeys through a weird and wonderful universe, meeting fascinating characters along the way while learning about the value of friendship and love.

Stranded in the desert where he's crashed his plane, a pilot meets an inquisitive boy who tells him a remarkable story of how he left his own tiny asteroid and journeyed through the universe.

On this journey, the Little Prince comes face to face with the baffling world of grown-ups, from a king who reigns over nothing to a businessman obsessively counting stars, from a mysterious snake to a truly wise and friendly fox. With an original score by Frank Moon, design by Yann Seabra and lighting by Jackie Shemesh, Protein's new show invites audiences to look at the world through one's heart and to reconnect with our inner child.

The cast of four includes Donna Lennard and Andrew Gardiner from previous Protein shows May Contain Food and Border Tales respectively. Joining them are Faith Prendergast and Karl Fagerlund Brekke, who have both previously performed with companies including Russell Maliphant Company and Arthur Pita.

Luca Silvestrini said: "I am really excited to bring to life such a beautiful and important parable. The Little Prince's journey to other asteroids and planet Earth is both magical and transformative and is a relevant example of what should really matter in life."

The Little Prince is coming to the Arts Centre

Formed in 1997 and currently one of the most distinctive voices in British dance theatre, Luca Silvestrini's Protein uses a blend of original choreography, humour and music to entertain and provoke audiences.

The company's idiosyncratic dance theatre is provoked by the everyday and its repertoire includes B for Body, a Place Prize Finalist in 2006, the award-winning LOL (lots of love), May Contain Food and Border Tales which have toured nationally and internationally since their debut, winning acclaim from critics and audiences alike.

Its celebrated outdoor show (In)visible Dancing was seen last year as part of Hull 2017 UK City of Culture, and more recently in August 2018 at Stockton International Riverside Festival.

Protein was awarded the Critic's Circle National Dance Award for Best Independent Dance Company 2011, and was nominated again in 2016.

Protein is Associate Company with People Dancing. Partner with Greenwich Dance, Yorkshire Dance and ARC Stockton. Luca Silvestrini is a Work Place Artist at The Place, London.

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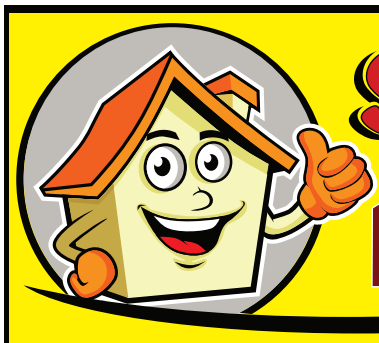
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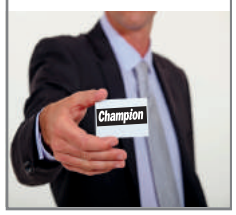

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For an informal discussion, please contact:
Steve Morgan on Tel. 0151 473 2873.

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For further information and to apply please visit:
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IDDON MALCOLM

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Malcolm Iddon was and continues to be important to so many people

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But no present or card can I give, as yet, no stairway to Heaven has been built.

Think of you and miss you every day.

Happy 55th Birthday 'Puppy'
Love from your little big Sis
Ali
xx

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

PEMBERTON MARGARET JEAN

Pauline, Julie and family would like to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for the messages of condolence, cards and donations for The Alzheimers Society received during their recent loss.
Grateful thanks to Rev Elliott Ireton for his kind ministrations and special thanks to Sally Hunter and her team at MLS Independent Funeral Directors for her help, support and dignified funeral arrangements.

SAMMIN SEAMUS

Marie, Katie and Louise would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for their love and support, Mass cards, sympathy cards and donations received during their recent sad loss.

Special thanks to Fr. John Heneghan and all who attended the Requiem Mass.

Thanks also to M. Rushton Funeral Directors for their dignified funeral arrangements.

GOLDSTRAW JOAN

Neil, Ian, David and family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for the sympathy cards, messages of condolence and donations for St. Cuthberts Church, Halsall received during their recent sad loss. Thanks also to Rev. Paul Robinson for his prayers and kind words of comfort and Lisa Hunter MLS Funeral Directors for their dignified funeral arrangements.

DEATHS

HORROCKS PETER HENRY

31st January 2019
After much suffering
Aged 80 years

Much loved Brother-in Law of Ann and Stan. Uncle and Great Uncle to all of his Nieces and Nephews.
No more pain.
Rest Peacefully xxx

CARSWELL ROBERT LEO

24th January 2019
Aged 85 years

Dedicated Husband to Beryl. Much missed Father to Sarah. Fondly remembered by Jonathan.
Service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough, L40 7SP on Friday 8th February at 11:30 am.
Donations are being collected in lieu of flowers for the British Heart Foundation.
Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

GWYNNE KATHLEEN

27th January 2019
Peacefully
aged 90 years

Loving Wife of the late David.
Devoted Mum of David, Brian and Janice. Cherished Nan and Great Nan of all her Grandchildren.
Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Thursday 7th February at 2.30pm.
All enquiries Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel: 01695 559868

To place a family announcement please call 01704 392392

DEATHS

DRAPER JAMES

Passed away
29th January 2019
aged 33 years

Cherished Partner of Steph.
Dearly loved and devoted Dad of Alfie and Katey. Much Loved Son of Alan and Kath. Beloved Brother of Angela, Paul and Claire.
Loved and missed by all his family and friends. Family flowers only please by request but donations if so desired for Assistance Dogs uk and North West Air Ambulance.

Donations and for funeral times please contact: Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton Tel: 01695 424888.

ROBERTS BRIAN THOMAS

28th January 2019
Peacefully in Hospital
aged 68 years

Loving Husband of the late Pat.
Devoted Dad of Gary and Sandra, dear Father in law of Tony and Michelle, cherished Grandad of all his Grandchildren and Brother of Paul and Joyce.
Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.
Requiem Mass will take place at St. Francis of Assisi Church on Friday 8th February at 11am, followed by committal at West Lancashire Crematorium. Family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired for The Huntingtons Society. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel:01695 559868

DEATHS

BURKE EDNA

Passed away peacefully at James Page Nursing Home
Friday 1st February 2019
aged 88 years

Much loved Mum and Nan.
Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium on Thursday 12th February 2019 at 2.30pm.
Family flowers only.
All enquiries to Hunters of Ormskirk 128b Burscough St, Ormskirk L39 5EY Tel: 01695 572997

DOUGLAS JOAN

15th January 2019
Aged 71 years

Reunited with her Husband and Children. Will be sadly missed by her family.
Funeral service at 1.15pm on Friday 15th February 2019 at St. Thomas's Church, Lydiate followed by committal at Southport Crematorium. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to RSPB in memory of Joan.
All enquiries to Craven Funeral Service, 44 Liverpool Road, Lydiate L31 2LZ. Tell 0151 531 7890.

COOPER JOYCE MARY

23rd January 2019
Aged 91 years

Joyce will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.
Funeral service at Waterloo United Free Church on Tuesday 12th February at 11.00am followed by Cremation at Thornton Crematorium.
Donations if desired to Cancer Research UK c/o H. Leslie Humphreys, 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby, Liverpool L22 5SE. Tel 0151 924 4805.

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DEATHS

HUNT EDWARD JAMES (EDDIE)

23rd January 2019
Sadly passed away in Southport Hospital
aged 75 years

Adored Husband of Angela.
Much admired Brother-in-law of Richard, much loved Son-in-law of Jean.
Father of Eileen & Tracy.
He will be greatly missed by family, friends and all who knew him.
Funeral Service will take place at Holy Trinity, Bickerstaffe on Thursday 7th February 2019 at 1.00pm.
Family flowers only please. Donations gratefully received for The British Heart Foundation.

All enquiries to MLS Independent Funeral Directors Ltd, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Lancs, L39 5DZ Tel: 01695 424888

DEATHS

THOMPSON JOSEPH HENRY (JOE)

24th January 2019
Aged 77 years
Passed away peacefully in hospital, surrounded by his loving family

Beloved Husband of Sheila, Much loved Dad of Mark, Damian, Gemma, Stuart & Leon.
Devoted Grandad and Great-Grandad.
Sadly missed by all his family & friends.
Rest In Peace.
Requiem Mass at St. Anne's R.C. Church, Ormskirk, on Tuesday 12th February at 11.00am, followed by Interment at St. Elizabeth's Churchyard, Scarisbrick.
Family flowers only please but donations if so desired for Deafblind UK.

Donations and further enquiries please to Sally Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Ormskirk, Tel: 01695 424888.

DEATHS

HORROCKS PETER HENRY

31st January 2019
peacefully in hospital
aged 80 years

A Devoted Husband and Best friend to Barbara for 60 wondrous years.
Peter kept us all laughing until the very end and will be missed dearly by his two daughters Debra and Beverley.
All his Grandchildren and Great–Grandson adored him and will miss him dearly.
Funeral Service and Committal will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin St, Burscough L40 7SP on Thursday 14th February 2019 at 11:30am.

Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for The British Lung Foundation.

Further enquiries to Co-operative Funeralcare, 22c Wigan Road, Ormskirk L39 2AU. Tel: 01695 577244

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

2018/1331/FUL Single storey extension to an existing single storey kitchen extension. Two 2-storey extensions either side of the entrance wing of the building at Asmall Hall Care Home, Asmall Lane, Scarisbrick. The application affects a Listed Building.

2019/0049/FUL Proposed part change of use of the first floor of No. 2 Mystic Mews to create two additional bedrooms to the student HMO above 30 Burscough Street along with the retention of the ground floor of No. 2 Mystic Mews as a shop (A1) at 2 Mystic Mews And, 30 Burscough Street, Ormskirk.
The application affects a Conservation Area.

2019/0056/FUL Continued use of caravan site for holiday purposes with a year round open season for up to a maximum number of 177 caravans on the site at any one time at Abbey Farm Caravan Park, Abbey Lane, Lathom.
The application affects a Listed Building.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e-mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 24 days of the date of this notice quoting the application number.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

How information about you will be used
The personal data you provide will be used as part of the Council's statutory planning duties in processing planning and related applications. Some of the personal information, including your name and address, you provide will be published. For further information about this notice or how we use your personal data please see: http://www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning/planning-privacy-notices/level-2-development-management-cil-privacy-notice.aspx and http://www.westlancs.gov.uk/about-the-council/legal-statements-and-foi/privacy and data protection gdpr.aspx. Hard copies are available on request.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Director of Development and Regeneration
Dated: 6th February 2019
PDNOT1031

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(POOL HEY LANE, SCARISBRICK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Pool Hey Lane, Scarisbrick from its junction with A570 Southport Road to its junction with Wyke Lane.
2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 2100 hours until 0600 hours on Monday 11th February 2019 until Monday 18th February 2019, or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Pool Hey Lane – Wyke Lane – Wyke Cop Road – A570 Southport Road – Pool Hey Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow resurfacing works to the level crossing to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/15527/HD]

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I'd love Lord Street as a drag strip

I WOULD love to see the day that Lord Street in Southport – which is almost exactly, give or take a few yards, a mile long – is used as a drag strip.

Before you start hammering the keyboard with an indignant email to *The Champion's* letters page, expressing your outrage at the sheer stupidity of an elegant shopping thoroughfare being temporarily used for such a low-brow, knuckle-dragging excuse for a weekend's fun, it's worth pointing out that Brighton's been using its seafront for just such a purpose for decades.

What's more, it's been much easier to do this sort of thing legally for about two years, since the Government introduced a law allowing event organisers to temporarily close off public roads and use them for motorsport. At the time it was even championed by David Cameron (remember him?), but very few people have taken advantage of it.

But – if a conversation I had the other day with the organisers of the Ormskirk MotorFest was anything to go by – Aintree Circuit Club could be about to.

It's already proven with its annual visit to Ormskirk that people (roughly 15,000 of them, if official counts are anything to go by) are more than happy to watch E-types and Ferraris doing laps of a one-way system, but now it wants to up the stakes and have a fully-fledged, competitive event where cars will *really* be able to strut their stuff.

It's not been decided where such an event should take place – although it's likely to be somewhere a bit quieter than Ormskirk's one-way system, for all sorts of logistical reasons – but I reckon a properly managed, safety-assessed bit of driving against the clock would be a great way of putting the North West on the petrolhead map.

Remember I said that very few people have actually used that change in the law? A couple of event organisers down south and over in North Wales have put their own events on rather successfully, but the only comparable example I can think of is the Coventry MotoFest, which used parts of the city's ring road for timed sprints.

From what I gather, it was a big hit, but there's nothing in this part of the world that's comparable. I can see all sorts of applications (and, if you're the shy and sensitive type, I suggest you skip this bit and go straight to the Sports page).

Half Mile Island in Skem would be perfect – would it possible, given sufficient skill and a tuned Nissan 370Z, to drift it in its entirety in front of a mesmerised audience? Or what about Parbold? The Parbold Hill Climb has a lovely ring to it – in yer face, Shelsley Walsh!

Obviously, I fully suspect that anything that does materialise will be at least a little bit more sensible (and fully risk assessed, of course).

But if anyone does have a valid economic case for closing off Lord Street for the afternoon – and a burning desire to find out whether a Nissan GT-R would be quicker than a 911 GT3 RS in a straight line – just tell them that I sent you…

David Simister is the editor of Classic Car Weekly

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60 JAGUAR XF 3LTR DIESEL AUTO, in black with leather & sat nav £6950
11 NISSAN JUKE in grey, leather, full spec £4995
60 SEAT EXEO 2.0 TDI SALOON, silver, FSH £4695
08 TOYOTA RAV-4 XTR AUTO, in black, 3 owners £4695
61 VW GOLF TDI S 5-DR, in white, manual £4595
11 VAUXHALL ASTRA 1.4 SXI 5DR, silver, alloys £3995
P/P MERCEDES CLK 2.4 CABRIOLET AVANTGARDE SPORT, in silver, grey leather, 62,000 miles, FSH £3795
08 NISSAN QASHQAI TEKNA DIESEL, in silver, leather, panoramic roof, FSH £3495

AUTOMATICS
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08 MERCEDES BENZ S320 DIESEL, AUTO SALOON, silver / gold, every extra £6,995
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56 VW JETTA 1.9 DIESEL AUTO, saloon, silver, 79,000 miles £2495

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61 HYUNDAI I10 5DR, in silver, only 50,000 miles £3395
59 ALFA ROMEO MITO LUSSO 3-dr, black metallic, 61k £3295
10 NISSAN MICRA 1.2 PURE DRIVE, black £2995
PP MERCEDES- BENZ CL500 COUPE silver, black leather £2995
56 BMW 320 SE AUTO SALOON petrol, black, black leather £2995
09 FORD FIESTA 1.4 ZETEC 5DR, FSH £2995
53 AUDI TT COUPE, manual, silver/blue with cream leather £2750
08 FORD FOCUS ZETEC 5DR, in silver £2695
56 HYUNDAI TUSCON CRTD GSI 5-DR DIESEL, in black £2495
99 MERCEDES SLK 230 COMPRESSER COUPE AUTO, silver, leather seats £2495
11 CHEVROLET SPARK, 1.2 in silver £2495
05 VW GOLF 2.0 GTDi SPORT 6spd 3DR, in silver £1995
57 FORD C-MAX DIESEL, in light blue metallic £1795
55 FORD FOCUS 1.6 DIESEL 5DR, manual, in light blue metallic £1595
55 VOLVO S40 1.8 PETROL, saloon £1550
57 MAZDA 5 2.0 DIESEL SALOON, in blue £1500

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55 VAUXHALL ZAFIRA TD DESIGN, silver, 7 seats £2495
54 VW SHARAN SE TDI DIESEL 5DR, grey, 7 seater £1795

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53 MERCEDES C220 CDI, manual saloon, in silver £1495
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52 HONDA JAZZ 1.3 SE 5DR, blue £1395
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55 FORD KA 1.3 3DR, red 56,000 miles £1250
55 FORD FOCUS ZETEC SALOON TITANIUM, in silver £1250
52 VOLVO ESTATE V70 2.4 MANUAL, metallic red, leather £995
52 FORD KA, silver, only 44,000 miles, silver, full MoT £995
55 FIAT PUNTO 1.2 5DR, black £995
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Minimum Part Ex	£500.00	Annual Mileage	5,000
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47 Monthly Payments	£219.98	APR Representative	4.2%

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Minimum Part Ex	£259.00	Annual Mileage	5,000
Amount of Credit	£18,847.47	Total Amount Payable	£22,957.06
47 Monthly Payments	£259.98	APR Representative	4.2%

Brand New Vauxhall Mokka X 1.4T Active

£259 per month
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Cash Price	£21,589.99	Optional Final Payment	£7,149.00
Customer Deposit	£259.00	Interest Charges	£2,037.07
Minimum Part Ex	£500.00	Annual Mileage	5,000
Amount of Credit	£17,330.99	Total Amount Payable	£23,627.06
47 Monthly Payments	£259.98	APR Representative	4.2%

Brand New Vauxhall Grandland X 1.2T SE 5dr

£279 per month
£279 deposit
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Cash Price	£22,693.45	Optional Final Payment	£9,880.00
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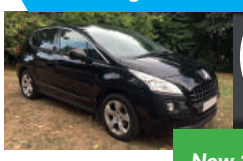

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15 Ford Fiesta 1.2 Zetec 5 Dr

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14 Ford Focus 1.0 Zetec Nav 5 Dr

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15 Vauxhall Corsa 1.4 SE 5 Dr Automatic

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63 BMW 116 Diesel Se 5 Dr

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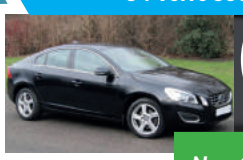

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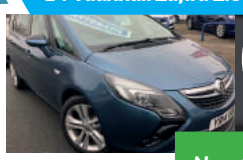

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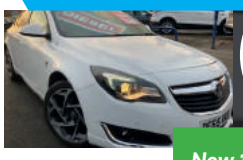

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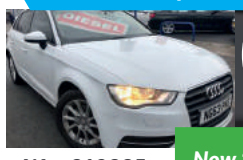

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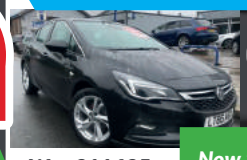

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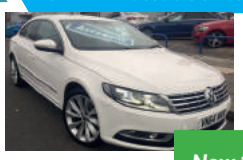

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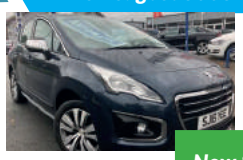

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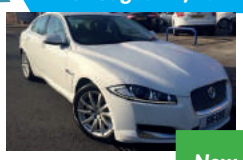

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- Sat Nav
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Specification;
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Specification;
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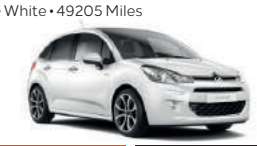

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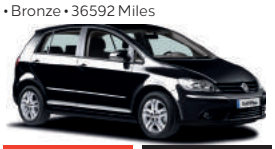

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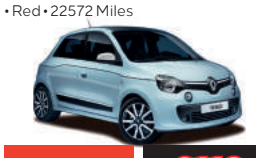

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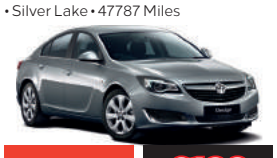

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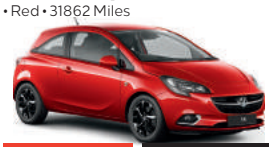

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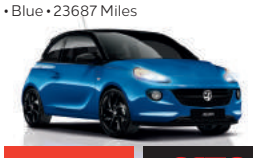

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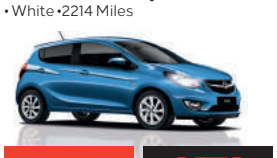

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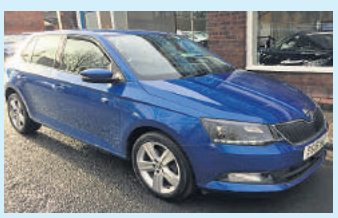
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Skem manager Paul McNally

Skem's fight to avoid the drop is put on hold and Linnets face a long break

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

LOCAL football supporters will come unstuck this weekend because both Skelmersdale United and Burscough have been left without a fixture by their respective leagues.

Both teams' games fell victim to icy conditions last weekend so this Saturday's blank fixture means it will be two weeks without a game for fans in West Lancashire.

The two games have already been rearranged, Skelmersdale will now host Clitheroe on Tuesday, February 12, so supporters can satisfy their need for a football fix fairly soon.

However, spare a thought for Burscough fans. Their game from last Saturday at home to Barnoldswick Town has been rearranged for Saturday, March 2, kick off 3pm, but they are still without a game until Tuesday, February 26 when they are scheduled to be away to Irlam.

There is even an element of doubt about the Irlam match as they are still in the FA Vase and it is possible depending on their progress they could have a quarter-final replay that night which would take precedence over the Linnets match.

The gap will mean that Burscough will not have had a game from Saturday, January 26 until the Irlam match, a total of 31 days.

We focused on the Skelmersdale United game at home to Clitheroe last week and the situation in the lower reaches of Evo-Stik Division One West wasn't changed at the weekend because all their rivals in the relegation fight had their games postponed.

The match against Clitheroe is crucial for Skem as on paper they are one of the teams they can catch and hence save their place in the Evo-Stik League.

Skelmersdale's other games for the rest of February are:

Mossley away – Saturday, February 16

Colwyn Bay away- Saturday, February 23.

Linnets chairman says club has a 'bright future at its new stadium'

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

BURSCOUGH chairman Mike Swift says supporters have a lot to be excited about this year as work on their new stadium edges closer.

The Linnets are about to construct a new home ground in the field behind the Crabtree Lane End goal and make a short 150 yard move from Victoria Park.

Club chairman Mike Swift said: "On the field our new manager has settled in and the playing squad are enjoying league success.

"We can't relax, there's some way to go before spring arrives and then the summer break and planning for 2019/20's football campaign.

"Off the field, the landmark decision by West Lancashire Borough Council's Planning Committee provides the way forward for our new permitted stadium and keeps us in the village where our considerable heritage has been earned.

"The residual use plans for Victoria Park, as submitted, have been thoroughly examined, the statutory consultations were quite rightly extensive and all comments are in the public domain along with the professional town planners recommendations to elected members of the council.

"The positive development decision for the future of Victoria Park means that a raft of contracts can move from being in draft with agreed in principle into agreed status with completion dates.

"Construction quotations and estimates will be firmed up into actual cost projections.

"Supporters will have noted the contingency we agreed with the Football Association and North West Counties Football League before this current 2018/19 season commenced.

"We changed the size of the traditional playing surface at Victoria Park and closed a large part of the spectator facilities at Victoria Park to accommodate the previously approved new highway's construction, that will facilitate the resulting civil engineering and new stadium building works. Surveyors ground markings are dotted around our home ground, they were installed in the early part of last year during the key critical early investment work.

Burscough chairman Mike Swift

"The next phases will bring some changes to village life and also bring positive impacts on the football club.

"With the directors and senior management's total support we'll keep any disruption to the minimum.

"As soon as practicable, we will publish for supporters and our neighbours information about key dates.

"Please excuse us while we're building the new sporting facilities and homes in the village."

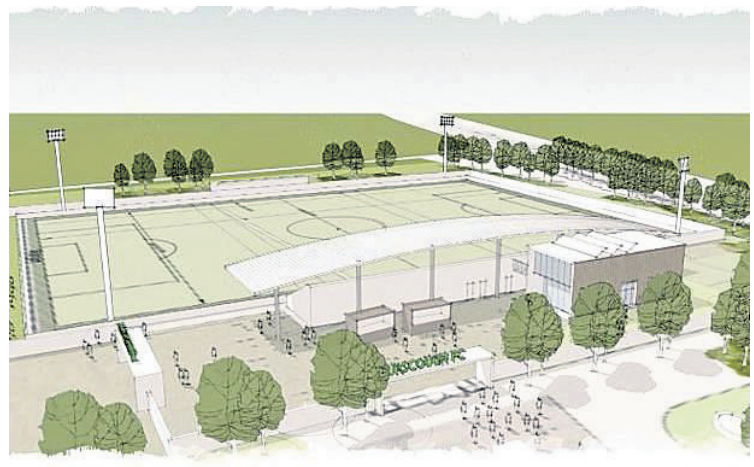
He added that a special souvenir match day programme is being prepared to commemorate the importance of 2019's milestone dates at Victoria Park.

He said: "This will take a little time to fully draft as I'm particularly concerned about the many people who contributed to the strategic plan going forward and are today sadly no longer with us. Their work will not go unrecorded."

Burscough's successes off the field have been matched by positive results on the pitch.

Before they lost their previous match 4-2 against Irlam, they had enjoyed a seven match unbeaten run which saw them climb the table.

They are currently in ninth place having picked up 40 points from their 27 matches, ensuring fans have been looking up in the league table rather than down with little concerns over a relegation battle for this season.



Plans for Burscough's new stadium

Edge Hill women's team in action. Pic by Ian Shard

Edge Hill hockey side battle back to earn draw

EDGE Hill University's women's hockey first team came back to secure a 5-5 draw at Bangor firsts in the battle of the top two in Northern 3A.

All square at the interval, Edge Hill took a 3-1 lead early in the second half before Bangor hit four without reply, with the firsts' late fightback – courtesy of Anna Hollis' second goal and an Anya Lewis strike – providing a huge boost to the side's league title chances.

Em Wymer and Yas King were the other scorers, while goalkeeper Em Ross landed the Player of the Match plaudits. The battling point keeps Edge Hill three points clear at the top of the table with three matches left, the first of which is at their other main title rival, Manchester thirds, next time out.

Meanwhile, it was three home wins from four in netball, with Edge Hill's fourth team recording the biggest victory, defeating UCLan thirds 34-13. The seconds beat Chester seconds 44-25, while the thirds were 35-27 victors over UCLan seconds.

There was also an eye-catching success for the men's table tennis side, who defeated UCLAN firsts 10-6 with badminton specialist Ben Williams enjoying victory on his maiden appearance.

And in badminton Edge Hill men's first team whitewashed Lancaster seconds 8-0, while the seconds enjoyed a 6-2 victory over Manchester thirds.

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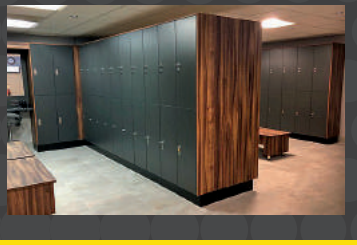

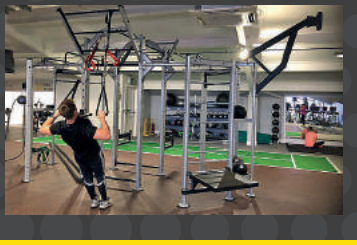

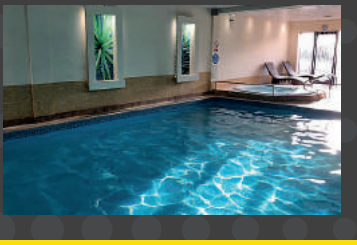

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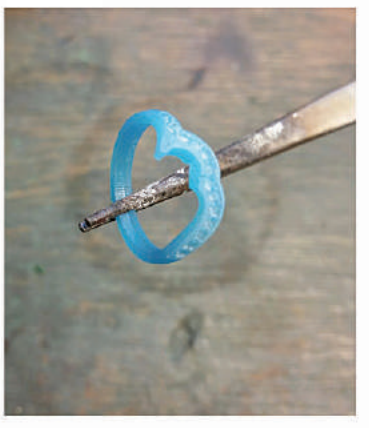

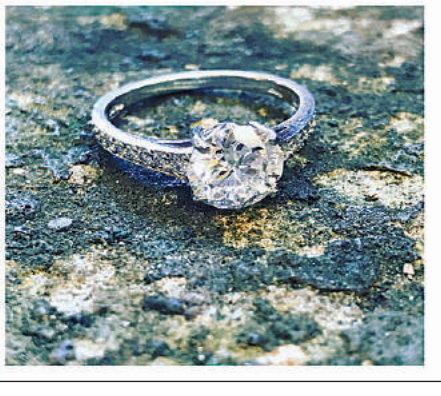

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To support Skelmersdale's growth plans the Skelmersdale Ambassadors initiative was launched in 2016, a scheme which unites businesses, organisations and individuals across the area in a powerful network to help develop, promote Skelmersdale, challenge perceptions and raise the profile of the area as a great destination for business.

The Skelmersdale Place Board oversees the role of the Ambassadors and is made up of local business leaders and influencers, whose aim is to ensure 'Skelmersdale's Story' is promoted regionally, nationally and internationally. With the recent and exciting news of the appointment of its new Chair Mark Whitworth CEO of Peel Ports, the Skelmersdale Ambassadors will benefit greatly from Mark's strong leadership qualities and expertise. Mark will work closely with his fellow Place Board members on a strategic action plan for Skelmersdale and, together with their knowledge and connections, deliver an ambitious Place Plan for the town. To underpin this work a programme of high profile business events will be held throughout the year for members to hear first-hand on good news stories, development opportunities and hear from a range of key speakers.

To kick-start 2019 an **exclusive evening event is being held on 28th February**, bringing together the Place Board and Ambassadors to welcome Mark in his new role as Chair and to celebrate the support from businesses who are already part of this exciting initiative. The event is by **invitation only** however there is still time for your business to be involved and become a member.

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The future gets better for both Stormspell and their customers, with a newly developed partnership with Brett Martin Plumbing & Drainage/Liniar.

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Stormspell is celebrating 20 years in business this year and has achieved so much during that time. Starting in small premises in Hall Street, Southport to the two large depots in Merseyside, with 3 HGV wagons and 2 pick-up trucks the company really have so much to be proud of.

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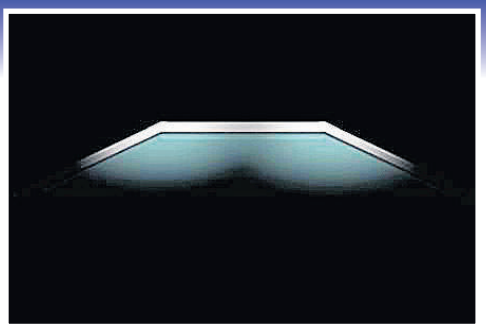

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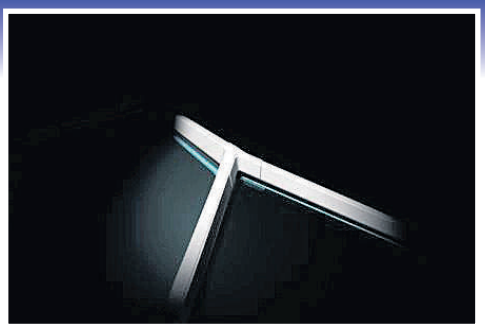

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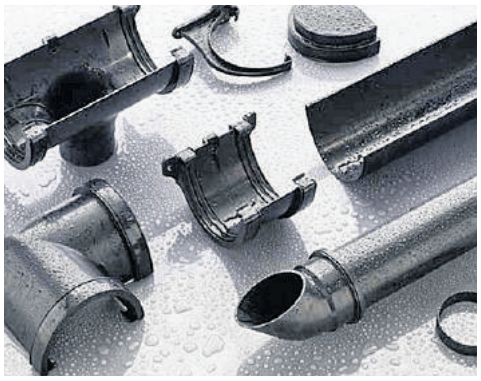

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They are wholesalers but also now sell direct to the public so are able to offer big discounts that can't be beaten, a free delivery service and the expertise you need to get any job done right.

They have a wide range of products in sizes from 750 ml tins to 1000 litre tanks and supply factories, showrooms, farms or everything you need for small home decorating jobs. Council vouchers are accepted and years of experience mean you will always get good advice.

Paint Retail have a paint for almost every surface and in a range of colours to perfectly suit the interior or exterior of your home.

With Spring fast approaching, decorating is often on the 'to do' list. Changing a paint colour alters the whole feel of the room. Green and muted pastels will be big this year and you can be sure of lots of choice, inspiration and advice on the best paint to cover any surface from the team at Paint Retail.

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Mersey Boroughs ITT Partnership was established in 2012 by a group of like-minded schools who felt that training in actual schools provided the best route into the teaching profession.

It's very important that teachers are well equipped with realistic, up to date training for the future and for that reason, the partnership work with exceptional schools across the whole of Merseyside.

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For this reason the training programme provided at Mersey Boroughs ITT Partnership has become a highly valued route into the profession of primary school teaching with a 100% employment record at the end of the course.

Head teachers actively seek to employ from the partnership and feedback has shown that ex trainees' retention rate in the profession is excellent and some are now moving on to senior roles.

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Teachers who have been through the programme only have great things to say about their career preparation through the partnership:

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With an impressive showroom on Ormskirk Road, the company has more than 100 different fires on display at any one time, and carries both contemporary and modern styles, including a selection of unique, wall-hanging electric fires, gas fires, coal and log-effect fires and a number of exclusive brands of fires, which are available in wood burning, gas, electric and multi-fuel designs.

The Fireplace Studio also stock Faber fires which have gas burners situated inside artificial logs, which provides one of the most realistic fire effects on the market.
Specialising in solid wood mantels, the company has many styles, colours and materials to choose from, including luxury Italian stone. Portuguese stone, French limestone, marble, granite, oak, American tulip wood and mahogany.

They pride themselves on offering customers something a bit different and continuously review stock to provide the very latest contemporary fire designs as well as popular traditional styles.

Committed to quality, the specialist firm offers a full service, with fireplaces covered by a full manufacturer's warranty. A delivery service within the local area is also available.

Proud of its excellent reputation, the professional team is always happy to offer expert advice on the right fireplace for you. What's more, all fitters are fully qualified and GAS SAFE & HETAS registered and a complete after care service is provided as standard.

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Local businessmen Max Henshaw and Matthew Smith have joined forces to establish a premier building company.

Through their successful collaboration on previous projects, combined experience and joint passion for providing a professional service Build Right NW Limited was formed in 2018. Both partners already run successful independent well established companies in the North West, Mr Henshaw having over 35 years of experience in the groundworks, driveways and landscaping sector (trading as MW Henshaw) and Mr Smith operating MDS a professional joinery & building company. Each have 5 star customer reviews & testimonials on platforms including Checkatrade & Fairtrades.

Their new company Build Right NW have already positioned themselves as the ideal solution for all residential & commercial development projects. The company comprises of time served industry professionals, fully accredited to provide complete in-house project management and full turnkey services for all aspects of construction. Build Right NW are also more than happy to work alongside their clients own architects, engineers, interior design companies or similar.

The highly skilled team are passionate about their reputation and professionalism aiming to deliver projects on time and within budget.

"Our customers delight and satisfaction is of paramount importance, our reputation has provided us with a great start and we are already booked up for the first quarter of 2019 and are looking forward to the year ahead."

"We pride ourselves in delivering a first class finish to every project, with an ethos of thorough attention to detail, whether that be a home extension or renovation through to maintenance and repair works."

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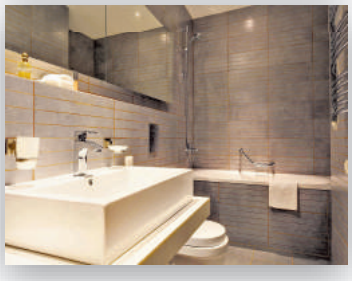

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Focus on Business

Cygnet Kitchens

A New Kitchen is a Major Decision for Any Home Owner

A new kitchen is a major decision and purchase for any homeowner. It has to be designed and installed to suit your needs and made of the highest quality materials at a price that's affordable to you.

As one of the most used and visible spaces in your home you need someone who will help you make the most of the space and help you decide what will be the most practical solution for your family - this is what Cygnet pride themselves on.

Opened in 2013 by Paul Wilkinson and Brian Critchley Cygnet Kitchens, based in Ormskirk, quickly established itself as a well respected, independent, family run business who stop at nothing to ensure you receive nothing but satisfaction from start to finish. Paul and Brian have 40 years experience and take pride in their well deserved reputation with 80% of their new business coming from recommendations Paul points out " this is probably the most important aspect of the business to us. 100% customer satisfaction is what we strive to deliver to every job".

With one of the largest kitchen showrooms in the North West offering the latest trends in both ultra modern and traditional kitchen ranges to suit every taste Cygnet Kitchens have a huge choice. Sourcing and utilising the very best quality products at the best prices they pride themselves on being able to adapt to their customers requirements with clever storage solutions as well as a great layout, and lighting options to create the perfect space you are dreaming of. From your very first phone call or step into the showroom you can be sure of expert friendly advice to make the process enjoyable and hassle free. They are able to take on board your ideas and develop them while making suggestions and improvements along the way using highly trained technicians who will always go the extra mile to ensure each job is delivered on time and within the agreed budget. All jobs are project managed and only highly trained quality tradesman are used from start to finish.

Add to this partnership with some of the biggest and highly regarded brands in the UK (AEG, BOSCH and SIEMENS to name but a few) you can put your trust in Cygnet Kitchens to make your kitchen dreams a reality.

In the next few weeks the first designated Michael Roux Jnr kitchen showroom will be fully up and running at the Swan Alley showroom fully dedicated to offering the very latest modern kitchen styles from a Michelin star chef. The all new showroom will have a fully working Cook Centre designed for customers to try out appliances and see what your kitchen would benefit from most before making a purchase. Another assurance of a guarantee of quality from this innovative company.

The showroom has a wide range of German Kitchens by Schuller (Kitchens for Life) on display. Call in and view the kitchens on display, have a chat about your requirements with Paul and Brian and take advantage of the free dishwasher with every kitchen offer.

PICTURES FROM THE SHOWROOM

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A garden centre - with a difference!

If you are looking for somewhere to visit with lots to see all in one place, look no further than Bijou Botanics Garden Centre & Emily's Pantry in Birkdale. Friendly, independent and family run it is a hidden gem right next to the RSPCA on New Cut Lane.

Primarily they are a garden centre - but with a difference. Bijou Botanics (formerly 'The Grainge Garden Centre') re-opened under new management in June 2018 and represents an exciting new chapter for owners Wendy and Martin who have completely refurbished the interior already and have exciting plans for loads of family friendly events over the next few months.

The garden centre offers an extensive range of garden plants, tools, furniture, bird feeders, statues and many other garden features not forgetting the lovely giftware and craft supplies available you can be sure to find something a bit different here.

This extraordinary new garden centre is also home to Card-io, who has served the Paper Craft Market for 16 years. Card-io have become a major player in the Craft Market with regular appearances on the HOCHANDA tv craft channel. Because of their experience in the craft industry, they will soon be offering bespoke products. The aim is to bring the community together by offering workshops & craft lessons with their own brand of innovative stamp designs. You can view brand new stamp designs demonstrated live on the HOCHANDA TV Craft Channel (Freeview 85, Sky 673) on February 26th at 11am and 3pm. Visit card-io.com, find Cardiocrafts on Facebook.

A visit to Emily's Pantry is a must. Offering freshly prepared delicious food, including breakfasts and lunches. Afternoon teas and award winning ice cream are coming soon. Also on offer is Lavazza Coffee, a large range of specialist loose leaf teas and a lovely selection of cakes and hot puddings. They have recently started serving Sunday Roast Dinners with locally sourced meats, all roasted fresh in their kitchen and will also cater for Vegan visitors to create a dining experience that is inclusive to all the family.

You can visit in all weathers as they now have tables and chairs under cover so you can dine outside comfortably even in the unpredictable British weather!

Proposing to expand the scope of the Garden Centre and to make it noticeably different for each successive visit, the team will be expanding the range of products in the coming months. Developing a range of bespoke products that can be personalised for that special person. The intention is to be totally environmentally friendly and introduce a range of sustainable products.

Set in open fields it is a beautiful location to spend the day, a few hours or just a quick visit to enjoy the view and recharge your batteries. You can be sure of a very friendly welcome.

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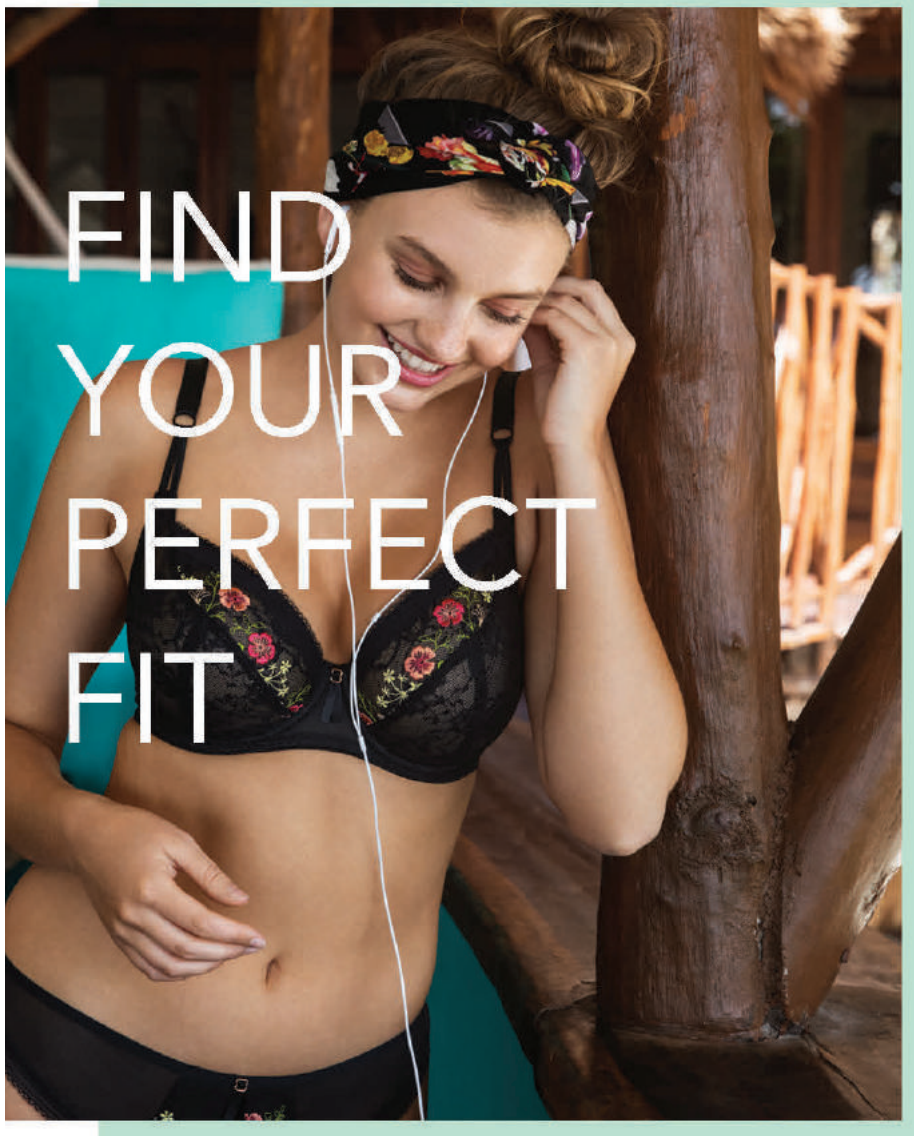
We don't like to refer to the correct size when fitting women for their bras as this would be misleading. We always say to a woman who has come in to Pandora's Box to be fitted, "Don't worry about the size, it's what fits you that counts." It is not unusual to fit into a few different size bras because of the variants mentioned before. A woman who fits into a 32F in one bra may fit just as well in to a 34E or a 32FF in another, even if it is the same brand. Confused? There's no doubt about it, bra fitting is confusing and bewildering for most women. Often women are mislead by guides on websites and in store, showing women how to 'measure' themselves by adding on inches and subtracting etc. This is impossible and literally only meant as a guide for women first training to fit; it's very basic and quite often can be incorrect.

Our advice to any woman who is struggling to get a comfortable fit, to come and be fitted by one of our trained fitting consultants, and we will take the time to explain everything to you. Always remember that you will need to be 'checked' every 6 months, as bras can loose their support depending on how often you wear them, and you can fluctuate in weight, which will alter the fit of the bra. Always buy a sports bra if you play sports, or do any type of cardio exercise as wearing the wrong bra can cause pain and discomfort and break down the breast tissue if not supported properly.

Finally, if you have a daughter who is developing and she hasn't been professionally fitted, then bring her in. No appointment is needed, but please allow at least 30 minutes for a bra fitting.



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